

Recent Advanced in Titanium-Based Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The applicability of titanium is increasing across different technological fields. Initially, these applications were mainly in the fields of aerospace and astronautical engineering. The unique properties of titanium enabled the use of light structures with high strengths. Recently, these assets have been used for medical applications, especially in implants.

Titanium has excellent mechanical strength, good corrosion resistance and biocompatibility. These properties can be modified and improved with coatings. Among the different properties, coatings have allowed the improvement of wear resistance, fatigue and corrosion-fatigue behavior, as well as the ability to interact with biological tissues. Of special relevance is the latter property, which has directed research toward the use of biofunctionalized coatings of titanium to select the cellular response, which has imbued them with bacteriostatic, as well as bactericidal, properties, or even has allowed the production of biomimetic coatings.

This Special Issue revolves around the advances in coatings that make titanium increasingly useful in the service of both people and society.



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