



## Laser Surface Treatment of Alloys and Metals

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The laser has some unique properties for the surface treatment of different materials. Laser surface treatment is now used in nearly every industry, including automotive, aerospace and shipbuilding industries. They allow for the shaping and modifying of physical and mechanical properties in selected micro-areas. Thermal energy can be placed precisely on the surface, only where it is needed. Such treatment is very difficult, or even impossible, to achieve with other techniques. Advanced surface engineering techniques such as laser surface treatment play a key role in modern materials science. Accordingly, we launch this new Special Issue of *Coatings* to collect original research articles and review papers.

Particular topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Influence of laser treatment on tribological and mechanical properties;
- Structure and properties of layers after laser surface treatment;
- Laser surface treatment;
- Laser texturing;
- Laser functionalization of the surface;
- Laser staining of the surface;
- Laser cladding;
- Laser heating;
- Laser alloying.





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