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# Magnetocaloric Effect and Magnetocaloric Materials—Fundamentals and Applications

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Although the magnetocaloric effect was observed more than 140 years ago, it is still a very attractive phenomenon. In particular, in recent decades, due to the possibility to substitute classical cooling with freon and similar gases, it has also developed ecological dimensions. The aim is to find new compounds that are effective in this field, e.g., some Heusler alloys are characterized by a higher magnetocaloric effect. Another possibility is a decrease in dimensions, which could be done by microwire preparation. The field of very-low-temperature cooling by adiabatic demagnetisation is also important. All the abovementioned properties result in a wide variety of technical applications. Therefore, it is very important to know and prepare these compounds.

In this Special Issue, we welcome articles that focus on fundamentals and applications in order to prepare them and study their properties, as well as the final products' performance.











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