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## Editorial

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**Biographical notes:** J. Paulo Davim received his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from University of Porto in 1997 and the Aggregation from University of Coimbra in 2005. Between 1986/96, he was a Lecturer in University of Porto. Currently, he is Aggregate Professor in Department of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Aveiro and Head of MACTRIB – Machining and Tribology Research Group. He has more 20 years of teaching and research experience in machining, tribology and manufacturing processes. He is the Editor of three international journals, Guest Editor, Editorial Board member, Reviewer and Scientific Advisory for many international journals and conferences. He has also published more than 200 articles in refereed international journals and conferences.

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The purpose of this special issue on ‘Advances in machining of composites materials (II)’ of *International Journal of Machining and Machinability of Materials (IJMMM)* is to present a collection of articles for academics, researches and engineers to review recent advances in composite materials, special cutting tools and conventional and non-conventional machining techniques of composite materials and to identify possible research directions in near future. After the review process, 12 articles were selected for inclusion in this special issue. The first article provides information on machining ceramic matrix composites (CMCs). The following four articles deal with machining of metal matrix composites (MMCs). Finally, the seven last articles are focused on machining of polymeric matrix composites (PMCs). The Editor hopes that this special issue will stimulate more research on this topic.

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