
Editorial

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Biographical notes: J. Paulo Davim received his PhD in Mechanical Engineering in 1997, MSc in Mechanical Engineering (materials and manufacturing processes) in 1991, Licentiate degree (five years) in Mechanical Engineering in 1986, from the University of Porto (FEUP), the Aggregate title (Full Habilitation) from the University of Coimbra in 2005 and DSc from London Metropolitan University in 2013. He is Eur Ing by FEANI-Brussels and Senior Chartered Engineer by the Portuguese Institution of Engineers with MBA and Specialist title in Engineering and Industrial Management. Currently, he is a Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Aveiro, Portugal. He has more than 30 years of teaching and research experience in manufacturing, materials and mechanical engineering with special emphasis in machining and tribology. He has also interest in management and industrial engineering and higher education for sustainability and engineering education.

Today, composites have great importance to application in modern manufacturing industry. In general, composites present excellent properties, high tensile strength and stiffness, lightweight, corrosion and wear resistance, etc. Consequently, composites are particularly attractive to replace conventional materials for many engineering applications, for example, in aircraft, aerospace, automotive, biomedical and construction of structures. This special issue presents a collection of articles on advances in machining of composite materials. The editor would like this special issue to encourage more research on this matter.

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