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Foreword to the special issue on the "First International Symposium on Materials, Electrochemistry and Environment (CIMEE16), 22–24 September 2016, Tripoli, Lebanon.

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The Doctoral School in Science and Technology, AZM Center for Biotechnology Research and Applications, Lebanese University, Tripoli (Lebanon) with the Public Health Faculty of the same university organized the First International Symposium on Materials, Electrochemistry and Environment, CIMEE16 on September 22-24, 2016. To discuss prospective in the field of chemistry, this conference brought together specialists from different disciplinary backgrounds in chemistry, in an attempt to clear the tracks to which it is important to engage collectively.

This First International Symposium CIMEE16 was held under the patronship of several universities in Europe Middle East and the Maghreb area. It was highly interdisciplinary in dealing with environmental chemistry in all aspects related to the chemistry of materials, electrochemistry, and environment. During the 3 day meeting the following topics, introduced by keynote speakers, were discussed: Advanced materials and innovative processes in electrochemistry for the environment, Nanostructured materials for the environment, environmental analytical chemistry, Electrochemical and spectrometric characterization of composite materials, Analytical Electrochemistry, Electrodeposition of metals, Sensors /Electrochemical biosensors, Characterization of Materials & surface analysis techniques, Physical and environmental chemistry, analytical chemistry, quality control, Agro-materials and Agri-Environment, Geoenvironment, Geomaterials and geochemistry of water.

More than 50 scientists (researchers, teacher-researchers, doctoral and post-doctoral students) from 10 countries participated in this meeting whose interdisciplinary mix turned out to provide an exciting atmosphere for stimulating and fruitful discussions.

The organizers (now as guest editors of this volume) thank the AUF for its financial support, the Ministry of the Environment of Lebanon, the Lebanese CNRS, Doctoral School of Science and Technology, (DSST) and the many local aids for a perfect organization. They particularly appreciate the inspiring presentations by keynote speakers and the excellent contributions of experts from around the world.. The organization team of CIMEE expresses their appreciation to all the individuals who helped review manuscripts for the symposium. Their contributions were vital for the ever-improving scientific quality of the selected papers and essential for the success of the event. We highly appreciate their great endeavors in 2016 and look forward to their support in 2018!

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Guest Editors: Dr. Konstantinos V. Plakas (CPERI/CERTH, Greece), Dr. Marie- Christine Record (Aix-Marseille University, France) and Dr. Ahmad El Moll (EDST, UL, Lebanon)

**With our best regards.**



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