

## Preface

This Special Issue of Journal of Electronic Materials (JEM) publishes a collection of papers originally planned to be presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on II-VI Compounds and Related Materials (II-VI 2017).

II-VI 2017 was scheduled to be held at Sheraton Old San Juan in San Juan, Puerto Rico from September 24 to 29, 2017 but was forced to be canceled just a few days before the opening session due to Hurricane Maria, which hit the island with unprecedented strength. As a memory and record of the canceled event, for which the organizers and participants devoted a huge amount of time, effort and energy, and in consultation with the Advisory and Program Committees, we decided to go ahead and publish this special section.

A total number of 127 abstracts were received and the Program Committee assembled a strong technical program with 12 oral sessions and 2 poster sessions. The program included three plenary speakers and eight invited speakers highlighting the most salient topics in the field. More than 110 people from 14 countries had preregistered for the conference. The generous support from National Science Foundation (NSF) and International Union for Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) allowed the full refund of the registration fees, as well as this publication, after the cancellation of the conference.

The selected papers published in this special issue have been evaluated according to the same high standards as would be applied to any article published in JEM. We thank the JEM's Editorial Board and Editorial office for their help and support in making this happen.

We are very grateful for all the II-VI 2017 participants for their contribution and support and for their understanding and cooperation after the conference was canceled. We look forward to seeing all of you at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference which will be held in China in 2019.

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