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Preface



It is our pleasure to publish the proceedings of selected papers from the Science and Applications of Thin Films, Conference & Exhibition (SATF2016) in a Special Issue of *Thin Solid Films*. SATF2016 was held at the Ilica Hotel Spa & Wellness Thermal Resort, Cesme, Izmir, Turkey, from September 19 to 23, 2016. It was a very successful conference with over 241 abstracts submitted from 33 countries, including 30 invited talks, 61 contributed talks, and over 150 poster presentations. More information about the conference can be found at <http://www.satf2016.org/>.

SATF2016 constitutes a valuable platform for individuals to present their research findings, display their work in progress and discuss conceptual advances in many different branches of thin films. It also provides an important opportunity to bring prominent scientists together from various countries, with a common objective to exchange information and ideas, to promote stimulating discussions and collaborations among participants, and to foster young scientists. Additionally, we hope that the delegates and companions also enjoyed the unique beauty of Cesme and the social program in touristic and historical places in the surrounding area.

Submission of papers for the Special Issue was on a volunteer basis and submitted papers were peer-reviewed by the organizers through processes administered by the Editorial Board and Scientific Committee. Reviews were conducted by expert referees at a professional level with the scientific standards expected of a journal published by Elsevier. Based on a complete evaluation of the papers submitted, five papers were selected for publication in *Thin Solid Films*. We had immense pleasure in working with Elsevier and we thank the associated staff members.

Many people worked together in organizing SATF2016 and ensuring its success. It is a great pleasure to thank the speakers, the participants,

our colleagues in the Conference Committee, and the Izmir Institute of Technology staff and students for their efforts in making SATF2016 a very successful meeting. A special thanks is also be extended to the session chairs and to the reviewers who donated their valuable time to evaluate the submissions. The number of other people who spent time working on SATF2016 is too large to properly acknowledge in this short preface. However, we hope that they found their involvement just as interesting and enjoyable as we did.

It is due to the positive feedback from the attendees that we are planning to organize the Third Edition of Science and Applications of Thin Films, Conference & Exhibition (SATF2018). We will be very happy to host the next conference and look forward to welcoming you again at SATF2018 in Turkey.

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