EDITORIAL



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This special issue for the Progress in Additive Manufacturing (PiAM) journal contains specially selected, blindreviewed papers that were presented in the special session on Additive Manufacturing—Process Conduct, Material Modelling, Application and Optimization of the 15th International Conference on Advanced Computational Engineering and Experimenting (ACE-X 2022) held in Florence, Italy from July 3rd–7th, 2022.

This year's annual selection encompasses the processing of a variety of polymers as well as fiber reinforced composites with polymer matrix and traditional metals. A special focus was placed on the functional integration, predominantly resonance dampening and optimized channels and or surface features for adhesive part bonding, but also the medical needs for protheses were covered. In addition, and more inclined to the fabrication as such, process stability in recoater driven additive manufacturing was researched, both experimentally and numerically.

Professor Markus Merkel and Dr. Leonhard Hitzler are the Guest Editors of this Special Issue:

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