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Foreword

This conference brought together specialists from different disciplinary backgrounds in chemistry in an attempt to seek ways to engage collectively. This First International Symposium CIMEE16 was held under the patronage of several universities in Europe and the Maghreb. It was highly interdisciplinary in dealing with environmental chemistry in all aspects related to the chemistry of materials, electrochemistry, and the environment.

Papers were presented on: Materials for the environment, environmental analytical chemistry, advanced materials and innovative processes in electrochemistry for the environment electrochemical sensors, agromaterials, agro-environment, geo materials and geo environment.

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 stimulating fruitful discussions. We are grateful to AUF for financial support, to EDST and many local helping hands for a perfect organization. We particularly acknowledge the stimulating presentations of the keynote speakers and the excellent contributions of experts from all over the world.

Our sincere appreciation to all reviewers for their rigorous assessments and constructive feedbacks to manuscripts submitted for the special issue. We express particular appreciation to the individuals who helped review manuscripts of the conference. Your contributions are vital for improving scientific quality of the selected papers and essential for the success of the event. We highly appreciate your great endeavors in 2016 and look forward to your support in 2018!

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