

## Special Issue on the 8th Asia Pacific Conference of Transducers and Micro/Nano Technology (APCOT2016)

### Preface



This special issue consists of papers presented at the 8th Asia Pacific Conference on Transducers and Micro/Nano Technology (APCOT 2016), held from 26 to 29 June 2016 at Kanazawa, Japan. The APCOT meeting has been held every other year, alternately with another conference (Transducers) since 2002. There were many active presentations on MEMS and sensor technology at the conference. Thus, the scope of the conference naturally matches that of *Sensors and Materials*. Some MEMS devices, such as pressure sensors, accelerometers, and gyroscopes, are well known and used in our daily lives. Researchers are actively proposing new sensors including new concepts, as well as improving processing techniques and using new materials. MEMS devices are interfaces between the actual and information worlds, playing an important role in the Internet of Things (IoT). These days, research targets are frequently bio-related objects.

We thank all the authors who have contributed their original work to this issue. We would like to express our gratitude to all reviewers (each paper was evaluated by at least two reviewers) for their support. The accepted papers are all of a high standard, reflecting the current trends of active research in this field. They are all interesting and provide new ideas for future applications. We hope that readers will find the articles interesting and helpful for their future research.

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