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The First International Scientific Conference “Alternative Energy Sources, Materials & Technologies AESMT’18” was held between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Representatives of 20 countries (Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, China, Turkey, Russia, Spain, Lithuania, India, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Serbia, Romania, Latvia, Malta, USA, Brazil, Iran and Macedonia) sent their works to the conference. Some of the reports (33 works) have been selected and are published after international peer-review in the present Special Issue of the journal “Bulgarian Chemical Communications”.

It is our pleasure to be guest editors of the presented articles, which focus on new international scientific results in the field of Alternative Energy Sources, Materials and Technologies (Solar and Hybrid Thermal Systems, Energy Efficiency, Materials Science, Food Engineering and Technologies, and Biotechnologies).

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