Preface

During the International Multidisciplinary Conference on Mineral Waters: Genesis, Exploitation, Protection, and Valorization, in Karlovy Vary from September 8–11, 2014, the Commission on Mineral and Thermal Waters (CMTW) held two meetings. Thanks to the chairman Dr. Jim LaMoreaux, the Commission accepted my offer to edit a book titled "Mineral and Thermal Waters of Southeastern Europe." This book, published by Springer, is a part of the Environmental Earth Sciences Book Series.

The book is organized into nine chapters. It discusses the geology of SE Europe, mineral and thermal water potential, and physical and chemical properties, as well as the utilization of thermal and mineral waters in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia.

In my capacity as editor, I have included nearly 30 colleagues from eight neighboring countries, who are engaged in the fields of mineral water and geothermal energy. Some of them are young doctoral students who specialize in hydrogeology and hydrogeochemistry.

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I trust that the book will be useful not only to those who specialize in mineral waters, but also for other professionals as well.

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