Day by day, more rooms and interior spaces are being illuminated through solid-state sources, and predictions show that they will become the dominant lighting source in the coming decades. The reasons for this are the high efficiencies that are reaching the LED-based devices, and the long lifetimes of the emitters. Visible Light Communications is an emerging field of development based on modulation of the LED light source, overcoming the problems of both conventional radio (EM interference and compatibility, undesired access from other users, saturation of widely used radio frequencies…) and infrared (the need for a strict alignment, eye safety considerations, etc.). The main objective of this Special Issue on Visible Light Communications is bringing together recent advances in this field. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

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- Noise Analysis
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- Optical MIMO
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