



Biocidal and Antimicrobial Surfaces

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Message from the Guest Editors

Sanitizing coatings for surfaces represents an important innovation in healthcare. They may have biocidal or biostatic activity, in addition to presenting the challenge of compatibility with different classes of cleaning products commonly used in domestic or institutional environments. They can be applied in the most varied medical and veterinary areas, food and pharmaceutical industries and institutions, agriculture, and aerospace fields, equipment and automobiles, as well as in domestic areas. However, the development of intelligent coatings with wide application and the standardization of methods for evaluating antimicrobial activity, toxicity and physical–chemical characteristics in real environmental conditions requires attention.

Considering the growing problems of nosocomial infections, pandemics, and hygiene crises around the world, this Special Issue will appeal not only to research institutions, but also to technology companies. Areas of interest may include antimicrobial coating materials, including nanotechnology; technological advances, mechanisms, compatibility, safety and efficacy; and standardization of methods for evaluating active antimicrobial coatings.





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