Special Issue

Design, Synthesis and Characterization of Hybrid Composite Materials

Message from the Guest Editor

Polymer composites represent the platform materials of the 21st century and make up an important slice of the market for the production of modern plastics. Their design is based on adding a second component to a polymer matrix to enhance its properties. Among the various possible composites, organic–inorganic hybrid materials offer advantageous performance relative to either of the non-hybrid counterparts. The dramatic improvement of physical properties, compared with pure materials, in which inorganic particles or nanoparticles are inserted into an organic polymeric matrix, could bridge the gap between ceramics and polymers. For this Special Issue, we are interested in articles that explore polymer-based hybrid systems. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Synthesis and characterization of polymeric hybrid materials
- Hybrid composites in electronics and energy applications
- Hybrid composites in space applications
- Biomedical applications of hybrid polymeric materials

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