

Special Issue

Green Solvents

Message from the Guest Editors

Green solvents have been and continue to be widely studied. Among these solvents, we can find solvents from biomass, ionic liquids (ILs), or deep eutectic solvents (DES). However, in order to classify these compounds as green, it is necessary to carry out a deep characterization of these chemicals taking into account several points of view: 1) physicochemical properties, since they allow knowing how these substances will behave in the medium and if they can be substituted for traditional solvents; 2) toxicological characterization, to check if these compounds can affect human health and how they do so; and, finally, 3) environment behavior, fundamentally through ecotoxicological studies, to understand how they can affect aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. With this Special Issue, we will focus on presenting novel studies of potential green solvents.

- green solvents (solvents from biomass, ionic liquids, deep eutectic solvents, etc.): synthesis, properties, catalyst studies;
- ecotoxicity and cytotoxicity;
- water as solvent;
- life cycle analysis of green chemical processes using green solvents compared to those “traditional”

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