

Properties and Applications of Organic Polymer Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Coatings play an important and growing role in the industry, as well as in ordinary life. The purpose of applying coatings may be decorative, functional, or both. An example of all of these types of coatings is a product label on many drinks bottles, where one side has an all-over functional coating (the adhesive) and the other side has one or more decorative coatings in an appropriate pattern (the printing) to form the words and images. It is expected that certain properties of coatings are required for processing their application. The present issue is supposed to present the recent achievements in the area of formulation on new cost-effective coatings with specific non-trivial properties (hardness, permeability, fluorescence, nanostructuring, durability). New ways of curing coatings are of special interest. We welcome publications on photopolymerization of coatings by UV-, VIS-, NIR-lights, the use of LED light sources. The evolution of the structure and molecular mobility of coatings upon cure is also in special focus.

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