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New Challenges in Wood Adhesives and Coatings

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Adhesives and coatings applied to wood products have several similarities, including the nature of their interactions with the support; most chemical moieties of the constituting polymers; new constraints requiring the reduction of human and environmental toxicity; the growing interest in the use of sustainable raw materials to replace petrochemical products; the use of bio-based resources to re-think the use of synthetic chemicals, etc.

Of course, both wood adhesives and coatings also have unique properties, and topics related to these are also welcome in the Special Issue. They include, for instance, the use of lignin or carbohydrates in formulations, the research for alternative co-reactants in vegetable proteins, the gluing of hardwoods for structural uses, the development of exterior-grade adhesives and glued wood products (e.g., CLT) in the case of wood adhesives, and the development of new transparent stains or varnishes in outdoor applications, the progress of radiation-curable (e.g., UV, EB, visible light) resins for clear matte coatings and systems, the innovative drying of shellacs and lacquers in the case of wood coatings.







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