Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Scope of this Special Issue is on coatings derived from renewable resources, this includes: Biomass derived starting materials, and recycled or degraded materials used in any part of the coating. Renewable derived materials represents a smaller carbon footprint, as well as an extended lifetime extending in some cases the cradle-to-grave cycle, in such a way that improves the coatings sustainability.

In particular, the topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Oil based coating materials
- Other biomass derived coatings materials: eel grass, carbohydrates, PLAs, chitosan, protein, etc., used for coatings
- Recycled polymers used for coatings
- Fermented or bacertially derived materials used for coatings

Prof. Dr. Mark D. Soucek
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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Now more than ever, research is called for to produce technologies and improve knowledge to solve the major challenges faced by our society. The development of new materials and devices for (without the ambition to be exhaustive) energy, health and food technology, together with the need for establishing processes that reduce the impact on critical resources and the environment, is indeed at the center of most contemporary research. Surface science and engineering play a key role in this regard. Refining surfaces and their modifications provides new materials, architectures and processes with a huge potential to aid most societal challenges. *Coatings* is a well-established, peer-reviewed, online journal that focuses on the dissemination of publications in the field of surface science and engineering. *Coatings* publishes original research articles that report cutting-edge results and review papers on the hottest topics.

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