

Special Issue

Natural Fiber Based Composites

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue has the objective to give an inventory of the latest research in the area of composites reinforced with natural fibers. Fibers of renewable origin have many advantages. In this way, original manuscripts presenting the last developments in the field of natural fiber-based composites are welcome. In addition to the use of natural fibers, that of renewable matrices is strongly recommended but not mandatory. New data dealing with their aging behavior, recyclability, biodegradability, and life cycle assessment will be highly appreciated. In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to:

- Cellulosic and lignocellulosic fibers
- Composite materials reinforced with renewable fibers
- Preparation and molding processes of natural fiber-based composites
- Thermo-mechanical characterization of natural fiber-based composites
- Aging behavior of natural fiber based composites
- Recyclability of natural fiber based composites
- Biodegradability of natural fiber based composites at end of life
- Life cycle assessment

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