



Innovative and Functional Geopolymer Composites

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Geopolymer composites have a key role in the development of functional advanced materials thanks to their peculiar chemical and physical properties. Innovative composites based on geopolymers can typically find application in several fields, such as energy, health, the environment, nanotechnology, packaging, and building.

Such composite geopolymer materials become even more interesting if prepared using, as the starting raw material, industrial, metallurgical, urban or agricultural wastes or by-products (such as fly ash, slag blast furnace or rice husk). In this way, the critical drawbacks associated with raw material supply for mass production could be overcome, thus making them competitive, both from the point of view of the environmental and economic impacts.

This Special Issue is seeking original, unpublished papers that describe recent advances in functional geopolymer composites in terms of synthesis, preparation, chemical-physical characterizations and mechanical properties, thus encouraging an interdisciplinary research approach.





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