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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Recent research studies in materials chemistry are moving towards the development of innovative and smart (multi)functional gel-based materials, featuring a wide range of interesting properties for applications in biomedical, sensing, textiles, catalysis, building, cultural heritage, blue-growth, automotive and environmental industrial sectors.

Additionally, nanotechnology has been shown to be a determinant in the rational design of these novel functional nanostructured gel formulations, leading to advanced nano-hybrid or nanocomposite gels, also useful as coatings for surface properties' implementation.

Furthermore, green and eco-friendly gel-based synthetic protocols can be established in combination with natural-derived polymers and bio-based or secondary raw materials, thus resulting in new eco-friendly products, able to be recycled and re-used.

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