

## Special Issue

# Recent Research Trends in New Generation Polymer Gels

### Message from the Guest Editors

Research investigations of polymer gels have been always cutting-edge topics in the field of polymeric materials science. While a fundamental understanding of the physicochemical characteristics of polymer gels, as well as the synthetic pathways of various classical polymer gels, seems to be firmly established, methods to improve polymer gel's properties are still vigorously examined by numerous researchers. The behavior of natural polymer gels, which are often encountered in the course of biological macromolecules, is more complicated and also of great interest. Investigations on new-type polymer gels with novel inner structures (i.e., polyrotaxane slide-ring gels, tetra-PEG gels, nanocomposite gels, double network gels, etc.) have also presented many fascinating outcomes, within the last two decades. We are proud to introduce this Special Issue summarizing current research investigations on polymer gel studies, particularly those that include supramolecular-structured polymer gels.

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