Special Issue

Biopolymers and Their Bioengineering Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

Biopolymers are considered materials with the potential to reduce the demand for conventional plastics of petrochemical origin. They can be derived from plants, animals, or microorganisms. Ecological alternatives are considered in addition to being sustainable. As they are biodegradable and biocompatible, they have been successfully trained in the areas of food packaging and biomedical packaging, among others. This Special Issue is dedicated to fundamental research related to biopolymers and their technological applications. It will serve as a forum for scientific articles in the following areas:

- New methods for the preparation, characterization, and optimization of biopolymers;
- The use of biotechnology to enhance edible coatings and films;
- New biopolymeric blends for food applications;
- Use and recovery of waste to obtain biopolymers;
- New studies in the development of active or intelligent films;
- Non-destructive methods for evaluating edible films and coatings;
- Investigation of biodegradation mechanisms of biopolymers;
- Innovation in magnetic biomaterials.

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