

Special Issue

Natural Dyes for the Textile and Leather Industries—for the Future's Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to announce a Special Issue entitled “**Natural Dyes for the Textile and Leather Industries—for the Future's sustainability**”, focusing on the dynamic and multifaceted roles of dyes obtained from natural sources. These dyes contribute to the esthetic appeal of textile and leather products, acting also as bioactive agents, making them functional tools that impart significant useful properties for both the finished products, from a preservation perspective, and the consumers' protection. This Special Issue aims to explore the potential applications of natural dyes in the textile and leather industries and to elucidate their bioactive mechanisms. We invite you to contribute review articles and innovative research focused on new extraction methodologies, comprehensive pigment characterization, new natural binding agents, innovative green strategies for dye fixation to fiber, and the development of natural dyes formulations with improved biofunctionalities and color fastness properties.

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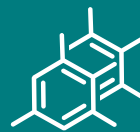
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