

## Special Issue

# Nanocomposites Based on Biopolymers and Graphene-Related Materials: Preparation and Properties

### Message from the Guest Editor

The recent interest in environmentally-friendly materials has favoured the development of biopolymers, and of their nanocomposites with improved functional properties, as alternatives to synthetic polymers. Compared to the fillers/nanofillers generally used, graphene and graphene-related materials (GRM) hold a superior ability to result in substantial improvements in functional properties of polymers. This Special Issue of *Nanomaterials* aims at collecting works focusing on the correlation of nanocomposite preparation approaches with final material features, particularly in terms of GRM dispersion and filler/biopolymer interactions. Moreover, it considers the role of GRM on the nanocomposite properties, focusing, not only on classically-studied properties (mechanical, thermal and conductivity), but also on features strictly related to the application of biopolymers, such as their degradation and biocompatibility. The topics cover a wide range of research fields, including nanomaterials, biotechnology, and nanofabrication, and are welcomed in the form of reviews, communications, and academic articles.

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