

Special Issue

Polysaccharides in High-Performance Nanostructured Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Polysaccharides are widely available polymers from agricultural and marine sources. Nano-structured versions of fibrous polysaccharides such as cellulose and chitin are currently being produced by interesting new methodologies, making it possible to exploit interesting high performances correlated to their nano-dimensions, also considering suitable modification technologies or the combination of these nano-fibers with other nanostructured materials such as nano-lignin, inorganic nanomaterials, or specific functional molecules. The preparation and testing of such nano-structured materials is a current frontier in research. Polysaccharides are also used in biobased materials and nanocomposites with enhanced performances thanks to the improved interfacial areas and functional properties. This Special Issue aims to gather research and review papers to increase the knowledge and use of polysaccharides and their derived compounds in nano-structured materials, finding new ways to produce innovative, sustainable, and smart products for use in several applications.

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