



Polymer Science, Technology and Engineering beyond 2020: Novel, Safer and Sustainable Materials

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Message from the Guest Editors

It is highly likely that any post-COVID economic recovery will entail fast-paced construction, including both residential homes and infrastructural provisions, as well as fuel-efficient and more integrated transportation networks. Needless to say, we need to expend a more concerted effort in designing and developing novel, safer, and sustainable materials. This would reduce our dependency on fossil-fuel-derived materials and technologies, and at the same time uphold the principle of the much-needed *circular economy*. Ideally, we should rely more on materials that can be sourced from the natural world and/or devise methods to fabricate hybrid materials that incorporate them as a major component. The current Special Issue will therefore focus on concepts, synthetic methodologies, characterization techniques, and engineering aspects of polymeric materials that help to serve the underpinning ethos of novelty, safety, and sustainability beyond 2020.

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