

Special Issue

Advances in the Preparation and Application of Bio-Based Hydrogels

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues. We live in a time of regular emergence of new diseases, including cancer as the most dangerous. Most drug delivery systems are products of chemical synthesis, which costs high and greatly reduces their biocompatibility. Targeted drug delivery systems based on biopolymers, the basis is hydrogels—colloidal systems that have an amazing variety of physicochemical properties and chemical compositions. Ideal target systems include hydrogels with driven changing properties, controlled loading, and release of the active substance. We sincerely invite you to take part in the creation of a Special Issue of the journal *Polymers*, dedicated to the creation and study of complex hydrogels based on molecules of biological origin. Works devoted to the creation of various materials from nano- to large bulk systems are of contemporary interest. We would like all your works to be accompanied by experiments that are as close as possible to real medical and biotechnological practices. We will be glad to see you among the authors of the Special Issue “Advances in the Preparation and Application of Bio-Based Hydrogels”.

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I would like to invite you to contribute to the success of the journal by sending us your high quality research papers. We would be pleased to welcome you as one of our authors.

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