

Special Issue

Biodegradable Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

Biomaterials have attracted intense interest for solving problems such as increase in CO₂ gas emission, exhaustion of petroleum resources, and expansion of microplastics. As bio-based materials, biomass polymers, which are made from plant-based raw materials such as corn and sugarcane, are well known. Although CO₂ gas is emitted by burning biomass polymers, carbon recycling can be achieved through photosynthesis of plant growth. As another significant material, biodegradable polymers, which are decomposed into CO₂ and H₂O in nature by microorganisms, have been widely researched all over the world, with some studies focusing on marine decomposed polymers to solve the problem of microplastics in the ocean. For the construction of a sustainable society, it would be necessary to develop technologies for the efficient production of materials from biomass and for the development of materials with a low environmental impact. Thus, this Special Issue invites researchers to submit original research and review articles on biodegradable polymers, describing their synthesis, processing, the course of degradation, as well as examples of various interesting applications.

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