

Special Issue

Smart Polymers and Composites: Multifunctionality and Recyclability

Message from the Guest Editors

In the quest for advanced functional materials, polymers and derived composites are one of the main candidates due to their excellent properties and processability.

Polymer-based materials have novel functionalities and are sometimes called “smart polymers”, such as shape memory, self-healing, piezoelectric, triboelectric, or bioactive polymers. Recently, interest in “sustainable” polymeric materials that are recyclable, biodegradable, and come from renewable sources has increased due to their lower environmental impact and eco-friendliness.

Combining smart and sustainable polymers and composites will be the focus in the future. In this Special Issue, we welcome research articles and reviews focused on, but not limited to, thermosets, thermoplastics, and composites with advanced functionalities and/or sustainability/reusability. The aim is to provide the state-of-the-art and new advances in “smart” and “sustainable” polymer-based materials, emphasizing the relevance of these materials.

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