

Special Issue

Advances in Natural Polymers for Sustainable Food Packaging

Message from the Guest Editors

The growing demand for sustainable packaging drives advances in natural polymers to replace non-biodegradable plastics. This Special Issue aims to explore the latest developments in natural polymers, such as polysaccharides, proteins, and lipids, which offer biodegradable and renewable alternatives to synthetic plastics. It highlights innovative approaches and challenges while showcasing advances in the field of sustainable food packaging and promoting the transition toward greener materials in the food industry. Key topics include (I) novel fabrication techniques, (II) material enhancements for improved barrier properties, (III) biodegradability assessments, and (IV) the integration of active and intelligent packaging functionalities. We welcome you to submit an innovative original research or review paper on the formulation, characterization, and performance of natural polymer-based packaging, as well as their potential for commercialization and regulatory considerations, and contribute meaningfully to this Special Issue.

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