

Special Issue

Functional Sol-Gel Polymer-Based Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Any type of specially designed material with a determined function can be defined as a functional material. Hybrid materials are a good example of functional materials, with applications in a variety of fields, such as electronics, photonics, medical or surface treatment. Historically, the First European Workshop on Hybrid Organic–Inorganic Materials, which took place in France in 1993, was probably the kick-off for the dizzying development in this area over the last 30 years, bringing us applications in such diverse areas. This Special Edition of MDPI *Polymers*, “Functional Sol–Gel-Based Materials”, is an invitation to all those who develop hybrid materials using the sol–gel method in different areas of applications to present and disseminate the most recent developments.

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