

Special Issue

Advances in Applied Lignin Research

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue provides a forum for applied lignin research. Submitted manuscripts should either directly or indirectly benefit the technical and industrial utilization of lignin. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Production, isolation, and purification of lignin;
- Analytics and characterization of lignin, including technique development and method comparison;
- Lignin-based materials, such as thermosets, thermoplastics, biocomposites, polymer blends, and carbon materials;
- Lignin-based specialty chemicals, such as surfactants, dispersants, stabilizers, plasticizers/viscosity modifiers, flocculants, and chelating agents;
- Lignin-derived fine and commodity chemicals, such as vanillin, pharmaceutical precursors, BTX chemicals, and other aromatics;
- Functional surfaces that include lignin as an antioxidant, an anti-microbial coating, a UV-protective agent, etc.

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