Special Issue

Synthesis and Applications of Bio-Based Polymers

Message from the Guest Editor

Bio-based polymers are increasingly attracting attention in the areas of polymer chemistry, biochemistry, material sciences, medicine, food sciences, etc. Factors such as natural origin, biodegradability, sustainability, biocompatibility and multifunctionality are only a few that drive this interest. The versatility of their chemical structure, especially their functional moieties, allows for them to be used in a broad spectrum of applied fields as surface coatings, self-standing 3D materials, fibers, films and foils, nano- and microparticles, etc. Because of their broad range of applications, it is important to understand the mechanisms by which they perform their function, allowing one to synthesize and derivatize bio-based polymers with specific and targeted action. A future where bio-based polymers are not merely inferior alternatives to synthetic polymers, but surpass them, can be envisioned in such a way. This Special Issue aims to compile original and cutting-edge research in the field of synthesis of bio-based polymers for targeted applications.

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