

Special Issue

Functional Polymers for Food Industry

Message from the Guest Editors

The food industry is undergoing a transformative shift towards enhanced safety, sustainability, and functionality, with functional polymers playing a crucial role in this evolution. This Special Issue highlights the innovative applications of functional polymers in food packaging, preservation, and processing. These polymers not only improve the shelf life and safety of food products but also contribute to reducing waste and enhancing nutritional value. Recent advancements in polymer science have led to the development of smart packaging materials, biodegradable films, and bioactive coatings that can respond to environmental changes and actively extend food freshness. This Issue invites original research, reviews, and case studies that explore the synthesis, characterization, and application of functional polymers in the food sector. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, we aim to advance the understanding and utilization of these materials, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable and efficient food industry.

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