

Special Issue

Biodegradable and Natural Polymers

Message from the Guest Editor

Increasing attention to biodegradable, natural polymers rather than those of a synthetic nature has led many scientists to initiate intensive research into the most suitable method for their acquisition. This question has arisen from one particular problem that affects contemporary society, namely, the disposal of rubbish. The increase in the amount of generated waste is significant, while the processes of the decomposition of synthetic materials in nature are long-lasting. The alternative to this strategy is the use of biodegradable polymer materials, which are safe for humans and the environment.

This Special Issue aims to report on the progress of ground-breaking research in the field of designing innovative polymer composites, especially those that are of natural origin and biodegradable. The subject also includes methods of by-product management in order to obtain polymer composites with innovative functionality and application.

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