

Special Issue

Biopolymers Pathway from Biomass to Plastic-Free Living

Message from the Guest Editors

Waste/residual biomass represents a vast and potentially underexplored source of biopolymer material. These materials have recently (re)gained popularity, due to their special properties, which in many industries can become an alternative for fossil fuel-based plastic. However, high production costs, low performance, and not less important, ethical implications, still hinder the market penetration of plastics-free alternatives.

This Special Issue aims to publish original works and reviews about the recent advances in biopolymer science and applications devoted to facing the big challenges with plastic technologies and use. Research works dealing with the enhancing the mechanical and barrier performance of biopolymers packaging, biodegradability, recycling, biopolymer processing, or active packaging may find in the present issue a good platform to gain visibility. Moreover, a novel eco-friendly isolation processes of the biopolymers or/and plant extract, which can be employed with the biopolymer packaging, are part of this Special Issue.

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