

Special Issue

Natural Degradation of Polymers

Message from the Guest Editor

Synthetic polymers degrade very slowly in the natural conditions and the main question posed is always regarding how long the integrity of these materials can be maintained, especially when referring to polymeric materials used for building structures, transportation, or medicine. In addition, following the polymer degradation, the production of micro- and nano-plastics should also be considered. This Special Issue responds to the ongoing discussion in the field of plastics regarding “emerging pollutants” and, particularly, the consequence of their degradation in the environment. We welcome interdisciplinary contributions regarding experimental procedures, theoretical suggestions, the circulation and effect of degradation products on the ecosystem, and data collection systems. We thank all the contributors for submitting their work to this upcoming Special Issue of Plastics

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