

Special Issue

Application of Natural Polymers

Message from the Guest Editors

As more countries join the climate change campaign, sustainability gains momentum. Novel dynamics in state relationships and our long history of overusing unsustainable resources are causing many nations to face a high cost of living and shortage of conventional resources. The introduction of alternative lifestyles and, thus, materials is deemed an inevitable task for the academic community, with natural polymers potentially being a part of our alternative lifestyle for the rest of life on Earth. Natural polymers often have very low or even negatively embodied carbon, and their application supports the economy in developing countries and, thus, promotes equity on our planet. When considered for engineering applications, we are also presented with major challenges, such as their relatively low durability performance and large range of property variation in. Addressing these challenges would be a big step toward a sustainable future. This Special Issue aims to investigate different applications of natural polymers, including, but not limited to, construction, automation, sport and furniture applications.

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