

Special Issue

Advances in Thermal Properties and Fire Hazards of Polymer Composites

Message from the Guest Editors

Thermal stability and fire safety are two of the most limiting factors in the use of polymeric materials—not only synthetic polymers but also natural polymers (e.g., wood), modified natural polymers (e.g., wood modified in different ways), and composites formed by a combination of natural and synthetic polymers (e.g., wood–plastic composites). This Special Issue aims to fill this gap. All papers dealing with improving, or gaining a better understanding of, the thermal stability and fire safety of polymers are welcome. The scope of this issue includes polymer testing; improvements in polymer properties (e.g., not limited to flame retardants), preparing new polymers or their composites, and the simulation of polymer properties from a fire safety perspective. Papers focused on the testing or simulation and calculation of polymers' fire impacts on the environment (occupant and building structures) via released heat, smoke, or toxic combustion products are also welcome. Prof.

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