Special Issue

Issues in the Comparison between Artificially and Naturally Degraded Polymer Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Like all materials, polymers and products made from them are subjected to degradation from the moment they are synthesised, throughout their useful life, and ultimately during their entire lifetime. This includes the time they spend polluting the environment as waste. This Special Issue hopes to encourage researchers to report instances where artificial degradation does not perform as expected or does not reproduce natural degradation faithfully, to explore the factors that play a role in this and ultimately achieve a body of data that can signal the way to fine-tune artificial degradation protocols to better mimic natural ageing. Articles are welcome that document "failed" artificial degradation, examples of modified artificial degradation protocols leading to better mimicking of natural ageing, and the comparison of artificial and natural aged plastics or polymers. Both reports of indoor and outdoor (weathering) ageing are welcome.

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