

Special Issue

Biopolymers and Bioplastics

Message from the Guest Editors

The transition towards “green” alternatives to petroleum-based plastics is driven by the need for “drop-in” replacement materials that can combine the characteristics of existing plastics with biodegradability and renewability features. In this regard, polymers derived from renewable feedstocks would represent a “sustainable” strategy to lessen the environmental burden of conventional plastic production. The proposed Special Issue intends to address several diverse topics related to polymers from renewable sources:

- Processing of biomass feedstocks to produce biobased building blocks for polymer synthesis
- Production, functionalization, and application of microbial polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA)
- Bio-based polymers and their application in agricultural and industrial sectors
- Circular economy-based approaches for biopolymer production from wastes
- Assessment of sustainability indicators for bio-based polymer production
- Natural additives for bioplastics: plasticizers and functional compounds
- Reactive processing and blending of bioplastics

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