Special Issue

Polymer Functionalization and Cross-Linking: Methodologies and Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

Polymeric materials are of great importance in modern world and are present in almost all fields of science and industry. In addition to new polymers and polymerization techniques, the last few decades have shown an exponential increase of methodologies aimed at functionalizing known polymers, in order to improve their mechanical, thermal, electronic or optical properties, as well as to introduce selected functionalities needed for advanced applications. Often, a successful procedure used for a single-site attack can inspire the design of a reagent that exploits the same reactivity in a bifunctional way, allowing the connection of two sites of the polymer chain, as well as two different chains. However, crosslinking can also be achieved by the single-site introduction of functionalities able to interact with each other by non-covalent interactions. This Special Issue will focus on recent advances in methodologies for polymer functionalization and cross linking, as well as new applications of functionalised and cross-linked polymers. Both original research papers and reviews covering this topic are welcome.

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