

Polymers and Biopolymers: Processing, Coating and Recycling Issues

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Plastics, bioplastics and various types of composites are very commonly used in our lives. They are sometimes used as coatings and sometimes they are themselves coated with a variety of materials, e.g., painted or metallized coatings, and they are sometimes a part of sandwich structures. Plastics and the items made from them, especially packaging, very quickly become unusable waste. The issues of producing environmentally friendly items and waste management are very important and interesting. Composites and products coated with various protective decorative layers are of particular interest—recycling these can be problematic.

Nowadays, we are faced with the challenges associated with the growing amount of waste, especially disposable packaging caused by the COVID-19 disease. We will have to deal with this problem in the coming years. Feel free to publish the results of research and review articles covering the processing and recycling of plastics and composites, especially those containing various coatings.

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