



Advances in Chitin and Chitosan Science

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Message from the Guest Editor

Among natural polysaccharides, chitin is the most abundant bio-polymer after cellulose. This linear homopolymer of N-Acetyl-D-glucosamine, and its deacetylated form chitosan, have peculiar biological and physiochemical properties including biodegradability, biocompatibility and bioactivity. Chitin and, principally, chitosan are still the subjects of a lot of research activities leading to interesting applications in agriculture, biotechnology and medical sciences.

The Special Issue “Advances in Chitin and Chitosan Science” is aimed to supply a broad platform for the diffusion of the most recent studies regarding chitin, chitosan and the related enzyme activities. The main topics of the Issue will be: chemistry and biochemistry of chitin and chitosan; production and applications of chitin, chitosan and their derivatives; bio-synthesis and biodegradation of chitin and chitosan; chitinolytic organisms and their application. All high quality contributions, by basic or applied scientists, describing new aspects of chitin and chitosan science, are welcome together with review papers resuming the “state of the art” of a specific part of this science.





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