



## Biofilms: Composition and Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Biofilms are composed of a complex three-dimensional extracellular matrix in which bacteria are embedded. As biofilms provide mechanical cohesive stability, the microorganisms embedded in the biofilm matrix show a high survival rate and persistence. In addition, biofilm formation promotes the colonization of bacteria in almost all kinds of surfaces, including natural and synthetic surfaces. Recently, biofilms have been intentionally engineered for various applications exploiting their unique properties. In this Special Issue, we focus on the composition of biofilms (natural and artificial) and their application in different fields, including agricultural, environmental, medical, and industrial biotechnology. The topics of interest for this Special Issue include:

- Application of biofilms in industry;
- Biofilms for improved enzymatic activity;
- Nanoparticles and biofilm formation;
- Biofilms and improved plant growth;
- Biofilms and bioremediation;
- Viscoelastic properties and surface topography of biofilms for biotechnological applications;
- Biofilms for erosion resistance;
- Biofilms for medical applications;
- Biofilms in construction materials;
- Other applications.





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