



Coatings for Timber and Wood-Based Material

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Most wood products require coatings, whether it be wood-in-service or decorative wood, to help protect against decay and dimensional change. Wood coating technology continues to advance at a rapid pace, and encompasses not only standard weathering coatings, but also pigmented coatings such as colored resins for stabilized spalted wood.

The scope of this issue will include (but is not limited to):

- Decking, utility pole, and piling coatings to protect against water and microorganisms/macroorganisms
- Interior coatings for wood in-service, such as butcher blocks, salad bowls, tables
- UV-retardant and UV-interactive coatings
- Historic wood coatings on carvings, marquetry, intarsia, and furniture, especially as it pertains to repair and museum maintenance
- Coatings with additives, such as pigments and dyes, that add decorative effects
- Pressure-treatment and other penetrative coatings
- Toxicity testing and concerns over wood coatings
- Durability of various coatings based on interior/exterior use (and all hybrid coatings)
- Consumer preference and trends in wood coatings
- Heat and other thermal modifications





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