

## Advances in Surface Modification and Coatings of Wood and Wood Composites

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Wood is still used extensively across many industries, despite its disadvantages, including dimensional instability, susceptibility to biodegradation and ability to burn. One of the areas that can improve these properties, and therefore expand the scope of its application, is wood modification. Different methods of wood modification have been, and continue to be, developed. Particular focus areas include thermo-mechanical modification, plasma treatment, modification with new polymers and nanomaterials, antifungal and fire-retardant modification of wood surface, etc. Another area is wood finishing, the purpose of which is to protect wood from external factors, to preserve its decorative properties or to enhance its beauty. New eco-friendly coating systems are offered, including coatings containing nanoparticles; bio-based additives derived from cellulose, lignin or other natural polymers; coating products with bio-protection or fire-protection effects, etc.

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