



## Novel Coatings for Food Packaging

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

It is widely known that the aim of food packaging is to maintain food quality and minimize the environmental impact of packaging materials. As food contact materials, numerous biopolymers—including different carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, or their composite mixtures—are increasingly being proposed as alternatives to conventional petroleum-derived plastics. This Special Issue focuses on novel coatings which can be applied in various combinations to provide unique properties that ensure the safety and quality of specific packed food products, from processing, handling, and storage to final use by consumers.

The topics of interest for this Special Issue, in particular, includes (but is not restricted to):

- Active/bioactive/sensing coatings for food packaging;
- Novel edible coatings for improved packaging properties;
- Development of new processes and strategies to improve food packaging and shelf life;
- Coating surface and interface analysis;
- Synthesis and characterization of multifunctional coatings;
- Recent trends in coatings for food packaging.





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