



Surface Properties and Surface Treatments of Wood and Wood-Based Composites

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Whenever products made of wood or wood-based composites are utilized, when their weathering is studied, or when the processes of wood deterioration due to exposure to biotic or abiotic factors are investigated, it is the surface of the object under consideration that must be taken into account at first. Some surface treatment process are well established, like surface finishing of wood with coatings, and others are less known, and their potentials are underestimated. This Special Issue will serve as a forum for papers in the following concepts:

Surface finishing of wood and wood-based composites with all kinds of stains and film-forming coatings to obtain a fit-for-purpose finished product;

Properties of wood surface systems, including resistance to weathering and biological deterioration parameters;

Plasma treatments;

Functionalization of lignocellulosic material surfaces, e.g., by grafting, sol-gel treatments, deposition of nanoparticles;

Adsorption phenomena on untreated and surface finished lignocellulosic materials.





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