

## Bio-Based and Bio-Inspired Polymers and Composites

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The current global trends in plastic waste generation, energy demand, petroleum depletion, world population growth, food supply, and the constant need to develop more sustainable and efficient industrial systems promotes uncertainties about our future. Nevertheless, significant progress in the chemistry and engineering of bio-based systems has been made over the past few decades, giving hope for the widespread implementation of more sustainable practices in the near future. This Special Issue on “Bio-Based and Bio-Inspired Polymers and Composites” encompasses the latest advancements made in the research of bio-based polymeric materials, including all aspects of polymers and composites prepared from bio-renewable resources. Works using biological molecules and their derivatives as matrix and/or reinforcement are welcome. Likewise, reports on systems and architecture designs inspired from biological systems will also be considered. While the main focus of this Special Issue is the disclosure of original research, comprehensive literature review works are of interest as well.



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