

Bio-Nanocomposite Coatings: A Potential Strategy to Improve the Overall Performance of Food Packaging Materials

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Message from the Guest Editors

Multiple efforts have recently been made at both academic and industrial levels to replace current food packaging systems, mostly relying on environmentally impacting materials, with high-performing and more sustainable solutions. In this scenario, the involvement of natural biopolymers such as proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids as coating agents to yield alternative packaging configurations has become a trendy and fascinating research topic.

With the current Special Issue, we would like to catch the attention of food/material scientists, engineers, and technologists, and invite them to contribute via original research papers, review articles, and short communications. Research areas may include but are not limited to the following ones:

- Bio-nanocoated packaging systems;
- Evaluation the properties of coated systems;
- Migration from packaging materials;
- Surface behavior of coated systems;
- Interaction between the coating and employed substrate;
- Shelf-life tests;
- Mathematical modeling/simulation of phenomena taking place during food preservation;
- Scaling up of equipment related to coating processes;
- Economical/life-cycle assessment analyses



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