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Surface Biotreatment of Building Materials

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The surfaces of building materials are subject to weathering, dirt, and abrasion by common use. To amplify the service life of exposed building materials, coatings and surface treatments compatible to the substrate can be applied. Bio-based materials that can be applied directly or used to formulate bioproducts can be remarkably diverse. Natural oils, such as linseed oil, waxes, and other biobased materials, can be applied directly to treat building material surfaces. This Special Issue will serve as a forum for articles on the following concepts:

State-of-the-art vernacular and innovative bioproducts and biotreatments applied on building material surfaces;

Specific test methods to assess bioproduct and biotreatment efficiency, surface compatibility, and durability in laboratory and on-site conditions;

Experimental results of simple to multifunctional biotreatments, exposed to conditions ranging from common to extreme;

Environmental assessment of innovative bioproducts for building surfaces, namely in comparison to inorganic ones.









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