

Recent Developments on Functional Coatings for Industrial Applications

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The Special Issue of the *Coatings* journal is aimed to assess the recent research progress on functional coatings for industrial applications, by worldwide researchers and specialists. The purpose is to address the recent development on functional coatings design, synthesis, and characterization, highlighting its emerging industrial applications in many industrial fields, such as medical, smart textile design, renewable energy, oil and gas, electronic, automotive industries, etc. In such a context, particular emphasis will be given to research developments in order to improve applications and the market extension of functional coatings and films.

This Special Issue will consist of original research and review articles. It will offer the readers the newest R&D work on industrially relevant functional coatings.

In particular, the topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Superhydrophobic surfaces and films;
- Self-healing coatings for corrosion protection;
- Biomedical and biocompatible coatings;
- Conductive polymer films;
- Functional coatings for renewable energy applications;
- Nanostructured and topographic functional coatings.



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