



Preparation and Application of Biochar

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Message from the Guest Editors

Biochar is a carbon-rich and porous solid material that can be produced through the thermochemical conversion of biomass (pyrolysis, hydrothermal carbonization, gasification, torrefaction) with presence of little or no oxygen. This material has very unique qualities, including a large surface area, calorific value, hydrophobicity, high porosity, valuable functional groups, high cation exchange capacity and stability. These properties have great importance to a wide variety of applications that can address several pressing ecosystem challenges, namely, soil amendment, remediation of environmental pollutants and wastewaters, carbon capture and storage, bioenergy and et.al. Indeed, specific end-user applications have different requirements for biochar properties, and these properties are noticeably affected by production technology, process conditions, feedstock type and post modifications (e.g., activation processes).

Considering the current interest and the several positive features of biochar, this Special Issue is dedicated to collecting high-quality research on biochar preparation technologies and applications, including technical, scientific, economic and environmental topics.





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