

## Biodegradable Films and Composite Coatings: Current and Future Trends

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The relevance of developing environmentally friendly and biodegradable materials for the preparation of films and coatings is attracting much attention. This ambitious challenge is crucial for a more sustainable approach in the production of packaging for food products.

Films and coatings with antimicrobial and antioxidant properties are needed in food applications, for increasing shelflife and enhancing the microbial safety of food products.

Nanocomposites, which include nanoparticles and nanolaminates to create multilayered systems, are being developed in order to improve mechanical and barrier properties. However, despite the advantages of this innovative technology, the possible toxicity effects due to nanoparticles migration to the packaged food need to be addressed.

This Special Issue aims to collect key contributions to the field, and to give an overview about the use of biodegradable films and coatings in food packaging applications.



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