



State-of-the-Art Functional Biomaterials in Italy

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Message from the Guest Editors

The current Special Issue aims at providing the latest advances in fundamental research on biomaterials recently produced by Italian scientists, in order to trace the current state of the art of biomedical applications in Italy. This Special Issue invites high-quality overviews and original technical papers on emerging research items in biomaterials in Italy, with a special focus on the synthesis of biopolymers with improved biological and biochemical functionalities to mimic the native cell microenvironment and the implementation of innovative processing techniques suitable for the fabrication of scaffolds and/or 3D models for investigating cell/material interactions. In this view, the use of a multidisciplinary approach is mandatory to satisfy the heterogeneous demands of this field; hence, contributions at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary studies such as material science, biophysics, biochemistry, biology, and biotechnology are strongly encouraged. We hope that the proposed Special Issue might offer a roadmap for worldwide researchers about current progress and biomaterials innovations in Italy to support future international collaborations in the biomedical area.





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