

Editorial

On the Publication of the Special Issue

The transition to the age of bio-economy will be accelerated in the coming 21st century. Due to the increasing level of CO₂ in the atmosphere there is a growing demand for alternatives to petrobased plastics and chemicals. Biobased polymers are produced from renewable biomass, which is expected to play a pivotal role to replace fossil crude oil. Biobased polymers will definitely provide one of solutions to cope with global warming problems. In order to respond to this challenge, we should have a call for new international relations and cooperation for biobased polymers technology.

The aim of this special issue is to deliver current development of bio-materials to research community. Published works were presented document in The 4th International Conference on Biobased Polymers (ICBP 2013), which was held in Hanyang University, Seoul, September 25-28, 2013. It was cochaired by Prof. Seung Soon Im, Prof. In-Joo Chin, Prof. Tadahisa Iwata, and Dr. Hideki Abe.

Limited numbers of works were selected based on quality and novelty of research. Selection and evaluation were conducted by group of knowledgeable reviewers who are experts in the field. This publishing aims to encourage young scientists and graduate students to present their works in a swift manner.

For those whose works were accepted, we are encouraging them future collaboration, to exchange up-dated information in many interdisciplinary areas of biobased polymers and to share current development for benefit of all.



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