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Advanced Coal, Biomass and Waste Conversion Technologies

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Coal, biomass and waste, which are abundant, are considered to the foremost raw material that can potentially replace the depleting economically-viable oil resources and promote the energy and environment sustainability. Complex constituents in coal, biomass and waste make their efficient and environmental utilization still challenging. In this special issue of *C*, the readers can appreciate the latest efforts have been made in this field from the fundamental research to industrial process development.

In the fundamental laboratory research, Zhao et al. (2019) [1] demonstrated the concept for a bio-catalytic system that simultaneously combines the dehydrogenation of formic acid for H2, in-situ capture of CO2 and its re-hydrogenation to reform formic acid; Ramanujam et al. (2019) [2] proved that polyol can be synthesized with corn oil and 2-mercaptoethanol, which can be an alternative to the petroleum-based polyol for the synthesis of polyurethane foams; Ossler and Hetherington (2019) [3] analyzed nanostructures on the surface of burnt spaghetti using scanning electron microscopy (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX); Bergna et al. (2018) [4] used a one-stage process to carbonize and steam-active two different wooden biomasses (birch and pine) into activated carbons. In the industrial process development, current practices on treating the cattle manure were reviewed by Font-Palma (2019) [5].

As Guest Editors of this Special Issue, we would like to appreciate all authors' excellent contributions, and we would also hope that this Special Issue can be helpful for the readers.

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