# **Special Issue**

# Structural and Nutritional Characterization of Food Proteins and Polysaccharides

## Message from the Guest Editors

Sourcing and providing proteins are crucial in feeding the world and the global need for proteins will increase steeply along with population growth. Proteins provide energy, but additionally have a wide range of functions from enzymatic activities in the body to health beneficial attributes. Furthermore, proteins play an important role in food manufacture and often provide the binding, water- or oil-holding, emulsifying, foaming or other functional attributes required to ensure optimum sensory and taste benefits for the consumer. Polysaccharides from plants have been utilised by the food industry for many years as gums and stabilising agents and can mediate carbohydrate digestion and thus manipulate the nutritional quality of foods. This is especially the case in the context of polysaccharides affecting postprandial blood glucose levels, obesity, diabetes, and even neuro-degenerative diseases. The purpose of this issue is to highlight current and new protein and polysaccharide sources and their associated functional, nutritional qualities.

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