

Special Issue

Molecularly Imprinted Polymers

Message from the Guest Editors

Molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs) are synthetic polymers with a tailor-made capacity to recognize a target molecular structure. Since the seminal works of Mosbach and Wulff during the 1980s, MIPs have attracted an ever-growing interest by the scientific community, witnessed by the exponential increase in scientific literature. In recent years, molecular imprinting technology has become a hot topic in the preparation of artificial systems capable of mimicking natural receptors. The expanding number of synthetical methods, the accessibility to many different formats and morphologies, the progress made in understanding the molecular recognition mechanisms that characterize them, and the broad spectrum of applications based on their selectivity properties, make these materials a vibrant and constantly current field of research. This Special Issue of *Polymers* provides a collection of high quality full research papers, communications and critical reviews covering both applied and fundamental aspects of molecular imprinting technology.

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