



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO  
JOURNAL OF RENEWABLE MATERIALS**

### **Scope**

The *Journal of Renewable Materials* (JRM) publishes high quality peer reviewed original research on macromolecules and additives obtained from renewable/biobased resources. Utilizing a multidisciplinary approach, JRM introduces cutting-edge research on biobased monomers, polymers, additives (both organic and inorganic), their blends and composites. It showcases both fundamental aspects and new applications for renewable materials. The fundamental theories and topics pertain to chemistry of biobased monomers, macromonomers and polymers, their structure-property relationship, processing using sustainable methods, characterization (spectroscopic, morphological, thermal, mechanical, and rheological), bio and environmental degradation, and life cycle analysis. Demonstration of use of renewable materials and composites in applications including adhesives, bio and environmentally degradable structures, biomedicine, construction, electrical & electronics, mechanical, mendable and self-healing systems, optics, packaging, recycling, shape-memory, and stimulus responsive systems will be presented.

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*Chapter in edited volume:*

S.P. Lewis and R.T. Mather, Advances in Acid Mediated Polymerizations, in *Renewable Polymers*, V. Mittal, (Ed.), pp. 69-173, Wiley-Scrivener, Salem Mass (2011).

*Conference proceedings:*

E. B. Ledesma, N. D. Marsh, A. K. Sandrowitz and M. J. Wornat, An Experimental Study on the Thermal Decomposition of Catechol, *Proceedings of the Combustion Institute*, Volume **29**, pp. 2299–2306 (2002).

*Conference abstract:*

A. Isarov, Non-halogen flame retardant polyolefin compounds via synergistic blends of metal hydroxides and mineral fillers, *Int. Polyolefins Conf.* (2007).

*Standard:*

Standard specification for ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene molding and extrusion materials, ASTM D4020-05 (2007)

*Web Citation:*

Mitsui Chemicals, Apel™ cyclo olefin copolymer (COC),  
<http://www.mitsuichemicals.com/apel.htm> (2008).

*Patent:*

W.A. Anderson and G.N. Meckling, Polymeric bicyclo-(2,2,1)-2-heptene, US Patent 2721189, assigned to DuPont (October 18, 1955).

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