Plastics and Rubber Advances: a new journal for spreading the latest challenges in plastic and rubber production

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Plastics and rubber productions worldwide has witnessed a rapid growth and are used in a wide range of industries including food and pharmaceutical, water treatment, chemical, brewing, mining and quarrying, aerospace, power generation, packaging, recycling and distribution.

While people are enjoying the benefits, wastes from plastic and rubber have generated significant environmental concerns such as land occupation. To alleviate the situation, waste plastic and rubber are mixed with asphalt to produce asphalt rubber, to improve the fatigue performances of asphalt. However, some difficulties, such as the high viscosity of the rubberized bitumen and the requirement of higher temperature for production of rubberized asphalt have been found to be barriers, which limit its application.

In addition, the use of powdered rubber, plastic and asphalt base mixture to form plastic-rubber asphalt is also on the increase. Expanded polystyrene waste is recycled by solvent extraction to material with characteristics of wood. PVC bottles can be recycled into plastic pipes. Many recycled plastics and rubber have a reduced resistance to degradation, as thus, the products would therefore fail to reach the technical standards when compared to new ones.

The treatment of plastic waste comprises fragmentation, sizing, sorting, washing and drying, agglomeration, and granulation; on the other hand, rubber waste is unsuitable for deposition at landfill sites because of poor compressibility, resilient surfaces, extremely long rotting time, and forming of cavities with air inclusion. Recycled rubber waste could be crushed into particles with different sizes and subsequently, using them as aggregate in cement mortar and concrete. It is a well-established fact that introduction of rubber to concrete can cause a decline in concrete strength.

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