

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Development of Sustainable
packaging Materials
Furan-based Bioplastics

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➤ **Three written research proposals** (about the integration of next-generation FURAN-based packaging materials in the sustainable circular bioeconomy, circularity of furan bioplastics) ready for implementation or submission to funding agencies

➤ Guest Editor of Special Issue "Development of High-Performance Biobased Polyesters" in Polymers (Q1, IF: 4.697) Scientific Societies:

▪ European network of FURan based chemicals and materials FOR a Sustainable development (COST Action CA18220, [LINK](#))

Journals Reviewer: (Elsevier): Polymer Testing, Materials Today Chemistry, Polymer Degradation and Stability, Journal of Supercritical Fluids, (MDPI): Polymers, Materials, Molecules,

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Language(s): English (Proficient user), French (Independent user), German (Basic user), Arabic (Mother tongue)

Ph.D. in Polymer Chemistry

Master's Degree in Synthesis and Reactivity in Organic Chemistry

JOB-RELATED SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Deep knowledge of Design, Synthesis, and Study of fully biobased polymers, mainly polyesters and copolyesters
- Excellent command of several synthesis techniques of Polyesters: Melt Polycondensation, Solid state Polycondensation, Polymer Blending, Ring-Opening Polymerization, In Situ polymerization, etc.
- Sustainable FURAN-based polyesters, copolyesters, polyester Blends, and Isocyanate-free polyurethane / "Microwave-assisted" chemical recycling of polyesters / Bioplastics in circular economy / Investigation of crystallization, melting behavior, and biodegradability of (Co-)polymers / Organic chemistry / (Microwave-assisted) organic synthesis / Effective supervision skills (acquired through my experience as co-supervisor of BSc, MSc and PhD students), etc.

PROFESSIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE

01/11/2021 Researcher

to present

Department of fibre and Polymer Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology ([LINK](#)), Stockholm, Sweden

Ongoing research: Microwave-assisted chemical recycling of post-consumer plastic (polyester type) and turning it into value-added polymers / Development of new polyurethane networks prepared from hemicellulose sugars

From 05/09/2022: Teaching of "Polymer Physics course" (KF2140) to 1st-year master students (50 hours) at KTH

01/06/2021- Research Scientist

31/10/2021

Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon ([LINK](#)), Berlin, Germany

01/03/2019- Junior Research & Technology Associate

23/04/2021

Department of Materials Research and Technology (MRT), Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology ([LIST](#)), Luxembourg.

Research project: New biopolymers based on renewable building blocks from catalytic deoxygenation of hemicelluloses - CATBIOSE

01/04/2018- Postdoctoral Fellowship

31/10/2018

BIKIARIS Group ([LINK](#)), Laboratory of Polymer Chemistry and Technology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Research project: *Furan-based Polyesters* ([LINK](#))

Main activities (supervision: Prof. Dimitrios Bikiaris, [LINK](#)): Design, Synthesis, and Study of new fully biobased Furanoate (Co-)polyesters and polyester blends from renewable resources-derived monomers

01/07/2017- Temporary Research Fellowship

31/03/2018

BIKIARIS Group, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Main activities (project: Furan-based Polyesters): Synthesis, investigation of crystallization behavior, and thermal analysis of biobased Furanoate (Co-)polyesters and sustainable polyester blends

16/09/2016- Mobility grant within the frame of **Erasmus+ International Programme**

30/06/2017

BIKIARIS Group, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Main activities (project: Furan-based Polyesters): Different studies have been conducted on biobased poly(ethylene furanoate) polyester (PEF)

01/05/2016- Research Assistant: Polymer Engineering Group, University of Padova, Italy

31/07/2016

Main activities (supervision: Prof. Alessandra Lorenzetti, [LINK](#)): Synthesis of rigid polyurethane foam insulation panels from new polyols based on renewable resources

Funding source: National Interuniversity Consortium of Materials Science and Technology, Italy

- 29/01/2016-30/04/2016 **PhD Internship 3**
 Polymer Engineering Group, University of Padova, Italy
Main activities: Synthesis of thermoplastic polyurethanes from new aromatic monomers derived from isosorbide
- 10/05/2015-10/07/2015 **PhD Internship 2**
 Polymer Engineering Group, University of Padova, Italy
Main activities: Microwave-assisted synthesis of new biobased chiral monomers derived from isosorbide
- 01/05/2014-30/06/2014 **PhD Internship 1**
 Department of Civil, Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering, University of Bologna, Italy
Main activities (supervision: Prof. Annamaria Celli, [LINK](#)):
 - Synthesis of new Isosorbide-based polyesters by melt polycondensation procedure
 - Learning of new synthesis techniques and physicochemical analysis method specific for polymers

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- 7-13/07/2018 Fully Funded Scholarship to attend [IUPAC Postgraduate Summer School on Green Chemistry](#) – Venice, Italy
- 13/07/2018 **Best Presentation Award** at the IUPAC Postgraduate Summer School on Green Chemistry – Venice, Italy, awarded by **L'Oréal** Group and **Eni** Group. ([LINK](#))
 Presentation Title: *Synthesis of New Eco-Friendly Copolyesters From Fully Renewable Resources: Poly(ϵ -Caprolactone-Co-Pentylene 2,5-Furandicarboxylate)*
- Research project **Furan-based polyesters** (09.2016 – 10.2018, [LINK](#)): Investigation of polymerization conditions and catalysts for a variety of Furanoate polyesters, copolyesters and nanocomposites and how important parameters like thermal transitions, thermal degradation, biodegradability and mechanical properties are influenced.
 Collaborators: D.N. Bikiaris, G.Z. Papageorgiou, **N. Kasmi**, Z. Terzopoulou, L. Papadopoulos.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Jan 2014- Mar 2018 **PhD in polymer chemistry** (Merit: Very Honorable)
 University of Monastir, Tunisia
 PhD dissertation Title: *Valorisation of Isosorbide: Synthesis of new functional polymers*
 Doctoral research activities were supervised by Professor Dimitrios Bikiaris from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece ([LINK](#))
- Sep 2011- Nov 2013 **Master's degree in synthesis and reactivity in organic chemistry**
 University of Monastir, Tunisia
 Master Thesis Title: *Synthesis and characterization of new functional structures based on isosorbide*
 With Distinction (16.50 /20). Final average mark (M1 +M2): 13.17/20. Number of acquired credits: 114/120
- Sep 2008- Jun 2011 **Bachelor's degree in chemistry**
 University of Monastir, Tunisia
 Number of acquired credits: 166/180 – (Rank: First year: 5/55, Second year: 7/59, Third year: 6/67)

PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 1-3/06/2022 1 communication at "[Nordic Polymer Days 2022](#)" – Gothenburg, Sweden
 • Designed from Recycled PET packaging waste. **N. Kasmi**, M. Hakkarainen
- 26-29/09/2021 1 communication at "[5th European Conference on Green and Sustainable Chemistry - 5th EuGSC](#)" –
 • Tuning thermal properties and biodegradability of Isosorbide-based polyester by compositional control through copolymerization with 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid. **N. Kasmi**, Z. Terzopoulou, Y. Habibi, D.N. Bikiaris
- 15-17/07/2020 1 communication at "[Milan Polymer Days Congress - MIPOL2020](#)" – Milan, Italy
 • Solvent-free synthesis of new fully biobased diol monomers through industrially viable approach: Toward new insights into the valorization of vanillic acid-based polyesters. **N. Kasmi**, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
- 21-25/10/2019 1 communication at "[6th EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference](#)" – Aveiro, Portugal
 • Novel Fully Biobased Non-Isocyanate Polyurethanes from Hemicelluloses.
N. Kasmi, R. Dieden, D. da Silva-Perez, Y. Habibi
- 9-14/06/2019 1 communication at "[European Polymer Congress 2019 \(EPF 2019\)](#)" – Hersonissos Heraklion Crete, Greece
 • From 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid to vanillic acid novel biobased polyesters with promising properties.
N. Kasmi, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
- 11-13/03/2019 1 communication at "[Milan Polymer Days Congress - MIPOL2019](#)" – Milan, Italy
 • Synthesis, structure, and properties of novel biobased polyesters obtained from furan dicarboxylic acid and new fully renewable diols based on vanillic acid. **N. Kasmi**, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
- 30/09/2018-03/10/2018 1 communication at "[12th Hellenic Polymer Society International Conference 2018](#)" – Ioannina, Greece
 • Synthesis of new eco-friendly copolyesters from fully renewable resources: poly(ϵ -caprolactone-co-hexamethylene 2,5-furandicarboxylate). **N. Kasmi**, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris

- 7-13/07/2018 1 communication at "IUPAC POSTGRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL ON GREEN CHEMISTRY" – Venice, Italy
- Synthesis of new eco-friendly copolyesters from fully renewable resources: poly(ϵ -caprolactone-co-pentylene 2,5-furandicarboxylate). N. Kasmi, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
- 28-31/05/2018 1 communication at "Bordeaux Polymer Conference" - BPC 2018 - Bordeaux, France
- Synthesis of new fully biobased random copolyesters: poly(hexamethylene-co-isosorbide 2,5-furandicarboxylate). N. Kasmi, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
- 11-13/9/2017 3 communications at "6th International Conference on Biodegradable and Biobased Polymers" - BIOPOL 2017- Mons, Belgium
- Synthesis of new fully renewable resources-based copolyesters: poly(1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol-co-isosorbide 2,5-furandicarboxylate). N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
 - Solid-state polymerization of poly(ethylene furanoate) biobased polyester: effect of catalyst type on molecular weight increase. N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris
 - Crystallization and melting behavior of Poly(ethylene furanoate): Effects of molecular weight and nanofillers. G.Z. Papageorgiou, N. Kasmi, V. Mandraki, S. Exarhopoulos, D.N. Bikiaris
- 2-7/07/2017 1 communication at "European Polymer Federation, EPF Lyon 2017" – Lyon, France
- Poly(ethylene-2,5-furanoate) (PEF); A promising polyester for food packaging applications: from research synthesis to reality. D.N. Bikiaris, V. Tsanaktis, Z. Terzopoulou, M. Nerantzaki, A. Chondroyannis, E. Karakatsianopoulou, N. Kasmi, G.Z. Papageorgiou
- 15-16/2/2017 1 communication at "Milan Polymer Days, MIPOL2017" – Milan, Italy
- New thermally stable Isosorbide-derived diols based on Isosorbide for the preparation of thermoplastic polyurethanes: Microwave-assisted synthesis and optimization. N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, M. Modesti, A. Lorenzetti
- 3-7/5/ 2015 1 communication at "International Symposium on Green Chemistry" - ISGC2015 - La Rochelle, France
- Synthesis and characterization of new polyurethanes based on isosorbide. N. Kasmi, N. Hammami, M. Majdoub

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS ([LINK](#))

Top Co-authors: Prof. Dimitrios Bikiaris ([LINK](#)): [21] - Prof. George Z. Papageorgiou ([LINK](#)): [20]

- To be submitted (2)
- (27) N. Kasmi, E. Bäckström, M. Hakkarainen*. Open-loop recycling of post-consumer PET to closed-loop chemically recyclable high-performance polyimines, To be submitted in **2022** to *Resources, Conservation and Recycling journal* (IF: 13.716).
- (26) N. Kasmi*, A. Lorenzetti, M. Hakkarainen*. Novel biodegradable and biobased polyurethanes with tunable thermal properties, optical transparency and enhanced mechanical performance, To be submitted to *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*.
- Published papers
- (25) M. Safari, N. Kasmi, C. Pisani, V. Berthé, A. J. Müller*, Y. Habibi. Effect of the structural features of linear bio-based polyester plasticizers on the crystallization of polylactides, *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules* **2022**, 214, 128-139. [LINK](#)
- (24) N. Kasmi*, Z. Terzopoulou, Y. Chebbi, R. Dieden, Y. Habibi, D.N. Bikiaris. Tuning thermal properties and biodegradability of isosorbide-based polyester by compositional control through copolymerization with 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid, *Polym. Degrad. Stab.* **2022**, 195, 109804. [LINK](#)
- (23) D. G. Papageorgiou*, I. Tsetsou, R. O. Ioannidis, G. Nikolaidis, S. Exarhopoulos, N. Kasmi, D. N. Bikiaris, D. Achillas, G. Z. Papageorgiou*. A new era in engineering plastics: compatibility and perspectives of sustainable aliphatic poly(ethylene terephthalate)/poly(ethylene 2,5-furandicarboxylate) blends, *Polymers* **2021**, 13(7), 1070. [LINK](#)
- (22) L. Papadopoulos, A. Zamboulis, N. Kasmi, M. Wahbi, C. Nannou, D. A. Lambropoulou, M. Kostoglou, G. Z. Papageorgiou, D. N. Bikiaris*. Investigation of the catalytic activity and reaction kinetic modeling of two antimony catalysts in the synthesis of poly(ethylene furanoate), *Green Chemistry* **2021**, 23, 2507-2524. [LINK](#)
- (21) N. Kasmi, C. Pinel, D. Da Silva Perez, R. Dieden, Y. Habibi. Synthesis and characterization of fully biobased polyesters with tunable branched architectures, *Polymer Chemistry* **2021**, 12, 991-1001. [LINK](#)
- (20) N. Kasmi, L. Papadopoulos, Y. Chebbi, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Effective and facile solvent-free synthesis route to novel biobased monomers from vanillic acid: Structure-thermal property relationships of sustainable polyesters, *Polym. Degrad. Stab.* **2020**, 181, 109315. [LINK](#)
- (19) Z. Terzopoulou, M. Wahbi, N. Kasmi, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Effect of additives on the thermal and thermo-oxidative stability of poly(ethylene furanoate) biobased polyester, *Thermochim. Acta* **2020**, 686, 178549. [LINK](#)
- (18) B. Quienne, N. Kasmi, R. Dieden, S. Caillol, Y. Habibi*. Isocyanate-free fully biobased star polyester-urethanes: synthesis and thermal properties, *Biomacromolecules*, **2020**, 21, 5, 1943–1951. [LINK](#)
- (17) N. Kasmi, N. Ainali, E. Agapiou, L. Papadopoulos, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Novel High Tg fully biobased poly(hexamethylene-co-isosorbide-2,5-furan dicarboxylate) Copolyesters: Synergistic Effect of Isosorbide Insertion on Thermal performance Enhancement, *Polym. Degrad. Stab.* **2019**, 169, 108983. [LINK](#)
- (16) N. Kasmi, M. Wahbi, L. Papadopoulos, Z. Terzopoulou, N. Guigo, N. Sbirrazzuoli, G.Z. Papageorgiou*, D.N. Bikiaris*. Synthesis and characterization of two new biobased poly(pentylene 2,5-furandicarboxylate-co-caprolactone) and poly(hexamethylene 2,5-furandicarboxylate-co-caprolactone) copolyesters with enhanced enzymatic hydrolysis properties, *Polym. Degrad. Stab.*

2019, 160, 242- 263. [LINK](#)

- (15) N. Kasmi, N. Pouloupoulou, Z. Terzopoulou, D.G. Papageorgiou*, D.N. Bikiaris, G.Z. Papageorgiou*. Sustainable Thermoplastics from Renewable Resources: Thermal behavior of Poly(1,4-cyclohexane dimethylene 2,5-furandicarboxylate), *Eur. Polym. J.* **2019**, 112, 1-14. [LINK](#)
- (14) Y. Chebbi, N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, P. Cerruti, G. Scarinzi, M. Malinconico, G. Dal Poggetto, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Synthesis, Characterization, and Biodegradability of Novel Fully Biobased Poly(decamethylene-co-isosorbide 2,5-furandicarboxylate) Copolyesters with Enhanced Mechanical Properties, *ACS Sustain. Chem. Eng.* **2019**, 7, 5501-5514. [LINK](#)
- (13) Y. Chebbi, N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, G.Z. Papageorgiou*, D.N. Achilias, D.N. Bikiaris*. Solid-State Polymerization of Poly(Ethylene Furanoate) Biobased Polyester, III: Extended Study on Effect of Catalyst Type on Molecular Weight Increase, *Polymers* **2019**, 11, 438. [LINK](#)
- (12) N. Pouloupoulou, A. Pipertzis, N. Kasmi, D.N. Bikiaris, D.G. Papageorgiou, G. Floudas, G.Z. Papageorgiou*. Green polymeric materials: On the dynamic homogeneity and miscibility of furan-based polyester blends, *Polymer* **2019**, 174, 187-199. [LINK](#)
- (11) N. Pouloupoulou, N. Kasmi, M. Siampani, Z.N. Terzopoulou, D.N. Bikiaris, D.S. Achilias, D.G. Papageorgiou*, G.Z. Papageorgiou*. Exploring Next-Generation Engineering Bioplastics: Poly(alkylene furanoate)/Poly(alkylene terephthalate) (PAF/PAT) Blends, *Polymers* **2019**, 11, 556. [LINK](#)
- (10) Z. Terzopoulou, E. Tarani, N. Kasmi, L. Papadopoulos, K. Chrissafis*, D.G. Papageorgiou, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Thermal Decomposition Kinetics and Mechanism of In-Situ Prepared Bio-Based Poly(propylene 2,5-furan dicarboxylate)/Graphene Nanocomposites, *Molecules* **2019**, 24, 1717. [LINK](#)
- (9) N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, G.Z. Papageorgiou*, D.N. Bikiaris*. Synthesis and crystallization of new fully renewable resources-based copolyesters: Poly(1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol-co-isosorbide 2,5-furandicarboxylate), *Polym. Degrad. Stab.* **2018**, 152, 177-190. [LINK](#)
- (8) N. Kasmi, G.Z. Papageorgiou*, D.S. Achilias, D.N. Bikiaris*. Solid-State Polymerization of Poly(Ethylene Furanoate) Biobased Polyester, II: An Efficient and Facile Method to Synthesize High Molecular Weight Polyester Appropriate for Food Packaging Applications, *Polymers* **2018**, 10, 471. [LINK](#)
- (7) N. Kasmi, Z. Terzopoulou, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Poly(1,4-cyclohexanedimethylene 2,6-naphthalate) polyester with high melting point: effect of different synthesis methods on molecular weight and properties, *eXPRESS Polym. Lett.* **2018**, 12, 227-237. [LINK](#)
- (6) N. Pouloupoulou, N. Kasmi, D.N. Bikiaris, D.G. Papageorgiou, G. Floudas, G.Z. Papageorgiou*. Sustainable polymers from renewable resources: Polymer blends of furan-based polyesters, *Macromol. Mater. Eng.* **2018**, 1800153. [LINK](#)
- (5) N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, G.Z. Papageorgiou*, D.S. Achilias, D.N. Bikiaris*. Solid-state polymerization of poly(ethylene furanoate) biobased polyester, I: Effect of catalyst type on molecular weight increase, *Polymers* **2017**, 9, 607. [LINK](#)
- (4) N. Kasmi, M. Roso, N. Hammami, M. Majdoub, C. Boaretti, P. Sgarbossa, C. Vianello, G. Maschio, M. Modesti, A. Lorenzetti*. Microwave-assisted synthesis of isosorbide-derived diols for the preparation of thermally stable thermoplastic polyurethane, *Des. Monomers Polym.* **2017**, 20, 547-563. [LINK](#)
- (3) Z. Terzopoulou, N. Kasmi, V. Tsanaktis, N. Doulakas, D.N. Bikiaris*, D.S. Achilias, G.Z. Papageorgiou*. Synthesis and Characterization of Bio-Based Polyesters: Poly(2-methyl-1,3-propylene-2,5-furanoate), Poly(isosorbide-2,5-furanoate), Poly(1,4-cyclohexanedimethylene-2,5-furanoate), *Materials* **2017**, 10, 801. [LINK](#)
- (2) Z. Terzopoulou, E. Karakatsianopoulou, N. Kasmi, V. Tsanaktis, N. Nikolaidis, M. Kostoglou, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.A. Lambropoulou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Effect of catalyst type on molecular weight increase and coloration of poly(ethylene furanoate) biobased polyester during melt polycondensation, *Polym. Chem.* **2017**, 8, 6895-6908. [LINK](#)
- (1) Z. Terzopoulou, E. Karakatsianopoulou, N. Kasmi, M. Majdoub, G.Z. Papageorgiou, D.N. Bikiaris*. Effect of catalyst type on recyclability and decomposition mechanism of poly(ethylene furanoate) biobased polyester, *J. Anal. Appl. Pyrolysis* **2017**, 126, 357-370. [LINK](#)