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# Preface

This eBook is aimed to highlight the perspectives of biochar as a substitute for oil derived carbon materials in advanced applications. In this eBook the most renowned research team from all over the world have brought their experience to assess the viability and perspectives of several innovative biochar applications. Many of the applications discussed in this eBook have been already proposed/tested/developed using other environment unfriendly carbon materials like carbon black, carbon nanotubes and graphene. We will show in this eBook that the environment friendly biochar is a viable alternative to them, its widespread use eventually leading to an eco-friendly era for carbon materials.

A quick look to the index readily shows that biochar has interesting perspectives in various field, some traditional, some innovative. A specific attention is dedicated to the use of biochar as a filler in composite materials, where it can represent a viable alternative to existing fillers for large scale and low cost applications.

We really hope that you enjoy to read this eBook discovering new biochar applications or deepening your understanding in a particular application where you have not yet think that biochar could be a key material.

We are sure that after reading the eBook you'll share our view: biochar will be among the leadres of a new eco-friendly carbon era.

Enjoy!



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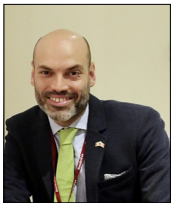
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