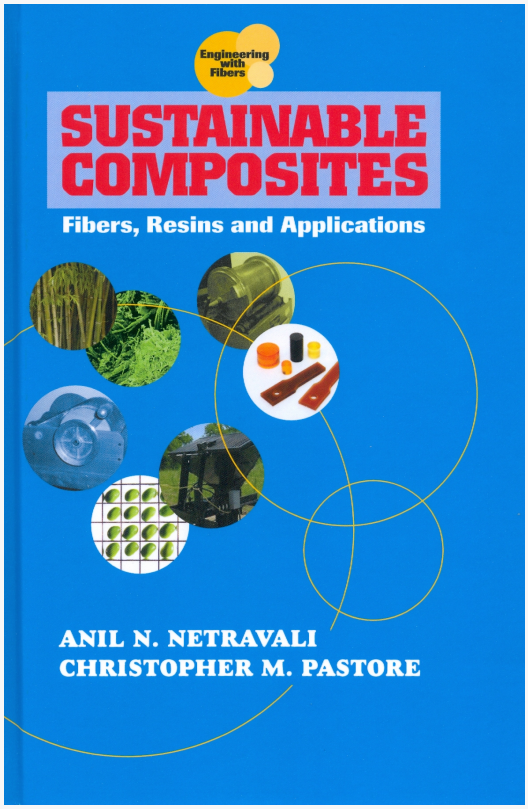
New Book on Sustainable Composites

•Comprehensive introduction to composites from natural and recycled biomaterials
•Applications to construction, automotive, and civil engineering



LANCASTER, PA, USA, April 21, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- (Lancaster, PA, USA; September 2014) — DEStech Publications, Inc. announces the publication of Sustainable Composites: Fibers, Resins and Applications, edited by Anil N. Netravali, professor at Cornell University and Christopher M. Pastore, professor at Philadelphia University. ISBN978-1-60595-111-9,©2015, 562 pages, 6x9, Hardcover, $189.50; "Highly Recommended" from CHOICE Reviews, American Library Association; Contact Michael: mhauck@destechpub.com for more information.

An important contribution to the evolution of composites technology, this book is a systematic investigation of how natural biomaterials are used to create cost-effective and environmentally sound composites for commercial use. The book shows how a wide range of plant- and animal-based materials are integrated into the design and fabrication of matrices and reinforcements for polymeric and other types of composites. In addition, a focus is placed on modeling and mechanical analyses of biobased composites, providing valuable data on their performance. Sustainable composites are shown to be viable alternatives for manufactured components in automotive, civil engineering and construction applications.

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Book Review:
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