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## Effects of the Extraterrestrial Environment on Plants

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### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue welcomes high-quality papers that study the effects of an extraterrestrial environment on plants (e.g., responses to altered gravity, radiation tolerance mechanisms) as well as on cultivation challenges in space farming (e.g., nutrient and water delivery systems, light and airflow management, and ISRU—in situ resource utilization) to achieve a deeper knowledge about the role of autotrophs in bioregenerative life-support systems (BLSS) for human space exploration.

The long-term human permanence in space will rely on BLSS. These systems, attempting to create an Earth-like environment, cannot exist without autotrophs, which represent a source of fresh and high-quality food, and are fundamental for important ecological functions such as air regeneration, water recovery, and waste recycling. Plants can adapt to extreme environments on Earth and can grow and develop even in the presence of microgravity and ionizing radiation. However, the development of BLSS requires advances and synergic interactions among engineering, agrotechnology, botany, plant ecology, and medical expertise.



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