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Germplasm Collection and Genetic Improvement of Rosaceae Fruit Varieties

Message from the Guest Editors

Variety development depends, and has a constant need, on genetic variability in the pursuit of products matching producer and consumer needs; therefore, the collection, characterization, and utilization of plant genetic resources represent three essential components to support this process. The most recent biotechnological techniques, in combination with new research progress in genetics, molecular biology and the -omics disciplines, open wide roads to genetic improvement. Although in some cases such approaches are seen as antagonist, they can work synergistically to obtain highquality and high-value varieties, which are essential to meet the actual needs of this changing world. The purpose of this Special Issue, entitled "Germplasm Collection and Genetic Improvement of Rosaceae Fruit Varieties", is to present studies, approaches, and varietal development related to Rosaceae fruits in any form that reflect trait characterization as well as advances in genetic improvements of this family. To this extent, review and research papers or short communications related to these topics are welcome.

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