

## Special Issue

# Industrial Crops Production in Mediterranean Climate

### Message from the Guest Editors

Industrial crops have a long history in Mediterranean regions, where different species have been cultivated for their economic, industrial, and ecological value. In recent decades, crops such as *Ricinus communis* L. and *Linum usitatissimum* L., to name but a few, have regained interest due to their potential for sustainable production and contribution to the bio-economy. Since the early 1990s, the cultivation of various industrial crops has expanded significantly, driven by advances in breeding, variety adaptation, and agronomic practices suitable for large-scale production in the region. The increasing focus on economic, social, and environmental sustainability has fostered innovations in mechanization, processing, and the valorization of crop residues and by-products. Industrial crops are also promising for carbon farming, sequestering CO<sub>2</sub>, improving soil health, and providing renewable materials that can help mitigate climate change. Their integration into sectors such as construction, bioenergy, and agro-industry enhances their environmental and economic contributions.

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