

Special Issue

Evolutionary Ecology of Eusocial Insects in a Changing World

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on the evolutionary ecology of eusocial insects in the light of global changes. Specifically, it aims to highlight the individual and/or colony responses to these changes, and to analyse the costs and benefits of group living in the face of global changes. Any biotic or abiotic environmental factors may be considered, including temperature and rainfall and changes in their altitudinal or latitudinal gradients, urbanisation, pesticide or heavy metal pollutions, introduction of invasive species, etc. This Special Issue may therefore include a large diversity of studies analysing, for instance:

- The effects of environmental factors on colonial and/or individual traits. For instance, the effects of increased temperatures on foraging strategies (e.g., behavioural shift in the time of foraging) or worker heat resistance (e.g., through HSP production), and the consequences of such adaptations.
- The genetic responses of eusocial insects to global changes, at both population and gene levels.
- The colonial and individual traits affecting colony resilience to changes of ecological factors, or providing invasive properties.

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