

## Special Issue

# Reducing the Plastic Footprint of Agriculture

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to collect a selection of papers addressing all inter-disciplinary issues that enable a holistic approach to: identify the main use of plastics in farming activities and their advantages or threats for the sustainability of agricultural production; explore opportunities to reduce the use of plastics while maintaining the economic and environmental performance of the farm; identify innovative alternatives to plastic use in agriculture; develop good farm practices to reduce, reuse and recycle the plastic used in agriculture; identify research needs from practice and propose possible directions for further research on plastic use reduction. Covered topics would include, among others:

- Impact of plastics on the agricultural environment;
- Technical characteristics of Agricultural Plastics (AP) and relevant design-for-recycling;
- New plastic materials, including Biodegradable Bio-Plastics (BBPs);
- Best practices for on-site management and collection and recycling AP waste;
- Methods and tools for analysis, planning and management of AP waste flows using new advanced technologies.

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