

## Special Issue

# Hide and Seek of Soil Microbes –Who Is Where with Whom and Why?

### Message from the Guest Editors

Technical innovations have boosted soil scientists' opportunities to observe soil ecosystems and ask some of the big, yet unanswered questions. Despite its overall benefits, there are several well-known and yet often ignored knowledge gaps in current soil studies.

We aim at opening a vivid discussion on this non-exhaustive list of topics:

Adequate experimental design for representative study of soil ecosystems;

Possibilities and limitations of observing microbial diversity;

Possibilities and limitations of data analysis and their impact on ecological conclusions;

Microbial spatial heterogeneity (across different scales);

How to observe microbial niche partitioning and occupation?

Soil ecosystems, soil microbial communities, and their “function”. In what sense can microbes, microbial communities and ecosystems have a function?

Please note that we warmly welcome review articles on all above topics. We hope they will be both useful as a reference and a contribution to a better understanding between experts from different disciplines.

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