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Epigenetic Regulation in Plant-Microbe Interactions and Environmental Adaptation

Message from the Guest Editors

Plants constantly interact with a dynamic environment, facing challenges from microbial pathogens and fluctuating abiotic conditions. To adapt, they employ sophisticated epigenetic mechanisms to modulate gene expression dynamically without altering the underlying DNA sequence. These epigenetic changes play pivotal roles in regulating plant immunity, symbiosis, and stress responses, offering a layer of plasticity that enhances survival in changing environments.

Recent advances have uncovered how epigenetic regulation fine-tunes plant-microbe interactions, from pathogen defense to beneficial symbiosis. Additionally, environmental cues, such as light, temperature, and nutrient availability, can induce epigenetic modifications that prime plants for future stresses. Meanwhile, emerging studies reveal crosstalk between epigenetic pathways and other regulatory layers, such as RNA modifications and hormonal signaling, further expanding our understanding of plant adaptability.

This Special Issue invites original research and review articles that explore the epigenetic basis of plant—microbe interactions and environmental adaptation.

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