# **Special Issue**

# Drones in Pest Management and Plant Disease Detecting: State of the Art, Achievements and Perspectives

# Message from the Guest Editors

The use of UAVs in agriculture is revolutionizing pest management and disease detection through advanced sensors, Al, and autonomous systems. This Special Issue, "Drones in Pest Management and Plant Disease Detecting: State of the Art, Achievements and Perspectives," invites cutting-edge research and reviews on UAV technologies in plant protection. We seek studies on drone-enabled disease detection, precision spraying, imaging techniques, Al-driven diagnosis, real-time monitoring, and integration of UAV data in farm management. Contributions addressing regulatory, environmental, and economic challenges are also welcome. We look forward to your submissions advancing sustainable, drone-based plant health solutions.

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