Special Issue

Ecophysiology of Invertebrates in Polluted Environments

Message from the Guest Editor

Chemicals, released to the environment either intentionally, as posticides or fertilizers, or unintentionally, as pollutants generated as by-products of industrial or urban expansion, exert strong pressure on invertebrates inhabiting polluted areas. It is of great importance to monitor their effects and recognize the physiological effects caused by potentially hazardous chemicals or particles. This Special Issue is seeking original, unpublished papers that describe recent investigations on the physiological effects of environmental pressure connected with the presence of pollutants in natural terrestrial and aquatic habitats. Responses to new and emerging pollutants and priority substance in the following areas are of particular interest:

- Respiration and digestion (energy budget, trade-off, tolerance)
- Immune defense
- Life history parameters
- Hormonal and neural regulation
- Behavior: defending or disturbed
- Native vs alien species ecophysiology
- Individual vs social insects (ecophysiology of "superorganism")

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