

Special Issue

Future Challenges in Food Safety

Message from the Guest Editors

The food sector, globally considered among the most important for global economic development, is currently facing significant problems, such as safety and environmental issues, regulatory constraints, and growing demand. Concerning the latter, it is estimated that the global population will reach at least 9 billion by the year 2050, requiring up to 70% more food and sustainable production chains. This means that the need to make food chains efficient and effective has never been greater. It is also estimated that the augmented demand for food and the augmented international trade will result in an increase of foodborne diseases. Emerging and re-emerging pathogens, toxic contaminants, and allergens directly affect global food safety, while globalization, climate changes, urbanization, and the rise of an aging and immunosuppressed population act indirectly. In this context, in order to produce safe, sustainable food and to simultaneously maintain competitiveness on the market, it is necessary for the sector to put in place strategies aiming to address and overcome the current and forthcoming challenges.

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