Special Issue

Forest Resistance to Insect Pests

Message from the Guest Editors

The harmfulness of bark and wood-boring insects depends on their ability to colonize healthy trees, weaken them by maturation feeding, transfer pathogens, and on the shape and depth of galleries. The harmfulness of defoliators depends on their feeding rate and duration of the feeding period. However, each phytophagous insect may be a pest in one stand or region and not a pest in another. It depends on climate; tree species composition and canopy structure; and phenological asynchrony between herbivorous insects, host trees, and entomophags. Forest resistance to insects also depends on the genetic traits and initial health condition of trees, as well as their response to other natural and anthropogenic disturbances. This Special Issue welcomes novel research focused on various aspects of pest–forest interactions, host tree and forest stand resistance, and tolerance to insect damage. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- physical, chemical, constitutive, and inducible tree defenses;
- host and habitat preferences;
- resistance of tree clones and hybrids;
- phenological resistance;
- the role of tree resistance in insect invasions and tree introductions.

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