Special Issue

Physiological and Biochemical Properties of Forest Soils: Microbial, Nutrient and Structural Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

Forest soils are key regulators of ecosystem functions, including nutrient cycling, microbial activity, and plant productivity, and they are influenced by physiological and biochemical processes shaped by interactions among vegetation, climate, and topography. We encourage submissions on various forest types and climate zones, in the form of original research articles, reviews, and case studies. We look forward to receiving your valuable contributions. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: Soil biochemical cycles;

Microbial functional diversity and metagenomics; Soil-plant-microbe interactions in forest ecosystems; Soil enzymatic activities and indicators of soil health; The effects of forest management and climate change on soil function;

Soil-plant-atmosphere interactions;

Seasonal nutrient transfer from canopy to soil;

Litter fall-driven nutrient dynamics in forest soils; Soil physiological responses to environmental stressors;

Biochar or other applications and their effects on forest soil structure and nutrient cycling;

Ecological and soil-based indicators for ecosystem planning and monitoring.

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