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Message from the Guest Editor

The exponential growth of the urban population, environmental degradation, the exacerbation of extreme weather events, and the lack of a sustainable urban planning model has led many cities and their inhabitants to be living in a situation of accumulated risk and permanent vulnerability. This is therefore the time to rethink the present urban design and implement actions aimed at reinforcing the adaptive response and resilience of urban ecosystems. The direct participation of urban forests in the removal of atmospheric pollutants, the mitigation of the urban heat island effect, the increase and conservation of biodiversity, and the regulation of the water cycle or its link with cultural traditions are some of the ecosystem services they provide.

The objective of this Special Issue is to bring together successful case studies, lessons learned, and experiences on how a sustainable management and development of urban forests can increase the provision of ecosystem services, which revert to an improvement in urban environmental conditions and the well-being of the population.

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