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Genetics and Epigenetics of Plant Development and Their Involvement in Crop Improvement

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The ample number of sequenced plant genomes and availability of genomic information are accelerating crop breeding through the characterization of genes that underline important agronomic traits and better genotypeto-phenotype association. Simultaneously, the characterization of genetic variability that exists in gene banks as well as high-throughput phenotyping are aiding today's crop improvement programs. Furthermore, the epigenetic variations implicated in the control of plant development are important for breeding.

The aim and scope of this Special Issue is to collect original papers, reviews, and short communications that report novel findings related to the exploration and characterization of genetics and epigenetics advances, and their utilization in breeding for more climate-smart crop cultivars for sustainable production.

Our goal is to collect the most recent advances in this field and compile a valuable collection of papers that will pave the way to the control of plant development and performance.









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