

Special Issue

Genomic Studies of Plant Breeding

Message from the Guest Editor

Plant breeding has been systematically evolving from art to science with the advent and development of genetics and genomics, for many complex traits such as yield are controlled by many genes or quantitative trait loci (QTL), each with relatively small effects, interacting with environments. The recent development and application of genomics has shifted the research focus from individual genes to networks of genes with a common function. This has deepened our knowledge of the underlying genetic and biochemical bases of complex agronomic traits in plants. Furthermore, new breeding techniques (e.g., genomic selection) provide exciting opportunities for efficient and accurate plant breeding of the next generation. This Special Issue, entitled 'Genomic Studies of Plant Breeding', welcomes original research articles and reviews discussing the latest advances related to genomics and genetic improvement of plants.

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