

Special Issue

Genetics and Genomics of Polyploid Plants

Message from the Guest Editors

Polyploid is a heritable condition of the possession of more than two complete sets of chromosomes, and is particularly common in plants. Whole-genome polyploidization events are a key driving force in the evolutionary history of plants and have played an important role in the domestication of crops. By displaying novel phenotypes or exceeding the range of parental species, polyploids gain a fitness advantage. Polyploidy affects many traits, such as morphology, physiology, and resistance to stress. All possible allelic combinations produce hybrid proteins and protein diversity. Polyploidization is an acute shock that triggers genome reshuffling and modifies gene regulation, the epigenetic landscape, and the activity of transposable elements. This Special Issue aims to support readers with the articles on the most recent and promising discoveries in polyploid plants, both auto- and allopolyploids. The focus will be on the multidisciplinary genetic and epigenetic study of polyploids and how polyploidization affects the morphology, physiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology of plants. Multi-omics approaches, including modelling and integrative analyses, are also welcome.

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