

## Special Issue

# Genetic Improvement of Cereals and Grain Legumes

### Message from the Guest Editors

Cereals and grain legumes constitute a significant portion of human diets. It is urgently needed to characterize available genetic resources by application of genomics. This technology will facilitate the identification of specific germplasms, mapping traits related to biotic and abiotic stresses, and yield-related traits. Furthermore, it shall improve the current nutritional values of cereals and legume crops. Advances in genomic tools and the availability of whole-genome sequences have opened up new avenues in crop genetic improvement. Hence, novel ideas from exploring the genetic potential to genetic manipulation are needed. We cannot expect to continue to make major strides in improving yield of cereal and grain legumes by employing strictly conventional breeding approaches. This Special Issue will focus on the discovery of genome-scale diversity, genetic improvement of cereals and grain legumes for higher yields, and enhancement of ability to withstand a changing climate by employing principles of modern genetics and genomics.

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