

# Special Issue

## Fungal Diseases and Pathogens Affecting Horticultural Crops: New Challenges

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is dedicated to exploring the latest challenges, research developments, and innovative strategies in understanding, managing, and mitigating fungal diseases and pathogens that afflict horticultural crops.

We welcome submissions of different article types, such as original research, methods, mini-review, review, and perspective articles, dealing with fungal diseases and pathogens affecting horticultural crops. We particularly encourage studies on fungal disease dynamics, pathogen identification and characterization, host-pathogen interactions, disease management strategies, crop protection, diagnostic tools, sustainable agriculture practices, genetic diversity and germplasm conservation, emerging threats, case studies, success stories, and future directions.

By encompassing these areas, this Special Issue aims to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and the development of sustainable strategies for protecting and enhancing the productivity of horticultural crops in the face of evolving fungal challenges.

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