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Message from the Guest Editors

Citrus is the one of most popular cultivated fruit types around the world. Citrus fruits play an important role in the agro economy of several countries, including China, Brazil, India and the United States. Citrus includes several economically important fruits such as lemons, limes, oranges, mandarins, tangerines, grapefruits, pomelo and many more. Citrus cultivation and management faces multiple biotic and abiotic challenges. Citrus trees are being attacked by pathogenic bacteria (e.g., *Ca.* Liberibacter spp., *Xanthomonas citri*, *Xylella fastidiosa*, *Spiroplasma citri*, *Ca.* Phytoplasma aurantifolia), fungi (e.g., *Phytophthora citrophthora*, *P. gummosis*, *Alternaria citri*, *Armillaria mellea*), viruses (e.g., CTV, CTLV) and nematodes. Research to help understand the biology, genetics, and ecology of citrus diseases is crucial to device disease management strategies and engineering disease-resistant plants.

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