

# Special Issue

## Innovative Technologies and Production Strategies for Sustainable Controlled Environment Horticulture

### Message from the Guest Editors

Recent progress in controlled environment agriculture (CEA) has opened the gate to the integration of smart technological innovations in protected plant cultivation. High investment costs are the main barriers; therefore, the settlement of such facilities is reasonable and profitable only in special situations and locations. With the development of technology, CEAs' high initial costs are expected to decrease, which could support the more widespread application of such systems. The role of CEA in world agriculture, its integration, and its contribution to food security is still unclear. The sustainability of CEA systems are believed to be very high; however, there is a limited number of studies available to date. Nowadays, plant production in such systems has several limitations, which can be overcome by changing the common agricultural approach and adapting the technology to new expectations. The application of CEA systems requires fundamental changes in the classical approach to plant production, including species and variety selection, plant nutrition, and plant production.

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