

## Special Issue

# Neglected and Underutilized Plant Species in Horticultural and Ornamental Systems: Perspectives for Biodiversity, Nutraceuticals and Agricultural Sustainability

### Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to announce this Special Issue of *Horticulturae*, dedicated to the multifaceted topic of neglected and underutilized plant species (NUS) in horticultural and ornamental systems. Over the last few decades, this topic has received growing attention from the scientific community, as a possible option to face the agricultural challenges of producing more foods and services, within a framework of greater sustainability. Indeed, global urbanization processes, climate change, and the reduction of natural resources are expected to emphasize the vulnerability of mainstream agriculture, satisfying the needs of an ever-increasing world population by leveraging a restricted number of cash crops. In this context, NUS could promote agrobiodiversity, improve the resilience of the agroecosystems toward environmental stressors, foster the utilization of nutraceuticals and the diversification of dietary patterns, and provide important local services (environmental, economical, socio-cultural) as ornamentals or in landscapes.

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