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Message from the Guest Editors

There are over 880 genera and more than 25,000 species of orchids in the world according to the famous taxonomist Dr. R. Dressler. Many orchids have been produced on a commercial scale, either as potted plants, cut flowers, or for medicinal or foliage plant uses.

To better manage efficient production of orchid plants, genetic studies aimed at assisting breeding and physiological investigation of all stages of orchid production, such as young plant propagation, fertigation, flower induction, and postharvest handling have been actively performed by many scientists from all over the world. Recent developments in genomics, transcriptomics, and even gene editing are being added to orchid research with the purpose of improving specific traits predictably and efficiently. The aim of this Special Issue is to address the recent progress of all aspects of orchid breeding and production, genomics and gene editing, micropropagation and somaclonal variegation, and also other not mentioned topics related to orchids, so as to help increase production efficiency, ornamental values, and possibly to help conservation.

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