# **Special Issue**

# Plant Growth Regulators for Improving the Yield and Quality of Horticultural Crops

### Message from the Guest Editors

Plant growth regulators (PGRs) are plant hormones or compounds with hormone-like activities, and are either naturally occurring or synthetic compounds. They include auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, abscisic acid, ethylene, brassinosteroids, and jasmonates. Their application can lead to a higher yield, lower susceptibility or increased tolerance against the biotic and abiotic stresses, enhancing of nutraceutical properties, and a uniformity of ripening or development. A better understanding of the mechanisms of action and physiological events triggered by PGR applications is crucial for crop management and quality preservation. The Special Issue aims to collect research papers and reviews focusing on the mode of action of PGRs and on their effectiveness in improving the yield and quality of produce, both during cultivation and in postharvest. Therefore, research articles, reviews, short notes, and opinion articles related to PGR studies and applications to horticultural crops are welcome for this Special Issue.

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