

# Special Issue

## Wild and Cultivated Culinary Plants

### Message from the Guest Editors

Wild and cultivated culinary plants are a cornerstone of many culinary traditions worldwide, with a rich history of use for flavoring, coloring, and preserving food, as well as for medicinal applications. As natural products become ever more in demand, the use of wild plants, in addition to having economic benefits, enriches agriculture and natural ecosystems, and it is necessary to manage these plants sustainably, as well as create products with added value. The main aim of this Special Issue is to select culinary herbs for the design of solutions with different purposes and adapted to different environmental conditions to reveal the possibilities for using the best properties of these plants, help the persons interested in the use of culinary herbs to decide on the proper plant selection, and provide recommendations on the combination and composition possibilities of these plants. Additionally, it will outline the health benefits of these natural ingredients and various approaches to preserve this rich culinary heritage, thereby enhancing their sustainability for future generations.

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