

Special Issue

Seed Germination and Micropropagation of Ornamental Plants

Message from the Guest Editors

Ornamental plants are of high significance for human life and can help improve the environmental conditions in cities since ancient times. As such, they are used in interior and exterior landscaping as trees, shrubs, as well as annual and perennial species. They are also cultivated for cut flowers or as pot and foliage plants. New species from the wild have high research interest, and their introduction in the local horticulture industry is aiming to adapt to climate change. Sexual and asexual propagation are employed for their production; many native plant species have been introduced in the floriculture industry, greatly supporting biodiversity and local pollinators. Micropropagation is a tool used for in vitro conservation and research concerning the production of plant clones with desirable characteristics for crosses to improve wild species for potential horticultural use. Fruit trees as well as aromatic and medicinal plants are also very attractive and can be used as ornamentals. Additionally, xeriscapes could be enriched with new species selected for their water efficiency. The local rural landscape character could be enhanced by the use of wildflowers meadows.

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