

Special Issue

Breeding of Ornamental Plants –Genetic Resources, New Challenges and Prospects

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, the outlook on ornamental plants has undergone many changes, which has also inextricably affected the approach to their breeding. It is therefore necessary to preserve the existing gene pool and incorporate new gene sources into breeding work. The direction of breeding new cultivars should primarily respond to new challenges for horticulture and the environment. These include climate change, extreme weather events, the possibility of ecological and organic cultivation, and the increasing demand for plants that tolerate urban conditions. A second aspect is the special needs of urban gardening, e.g., well-being, street foods, food use, biodiversity, and ecology services. Others include the ability of phytoremediation and utilization of pollution, especially air dust, heavy metal utilization, and the improvement of the urban microclimate. The proposed Special Issue aims to present advanced studies, methods, tools, and innovations in the field of breeding of ornamentals of gene resources in new challenges. We hope to receive your contributions so as to share them with the community of researchers, students, and technicians. Thanks for your favorable consideration.

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