

Special Issue

In Vitro Propagation and Biotechnology of Horticultural Plants

Message from the Guest Editors

In vitro plant tissue cultures and the recent related biotechnologies are assuming an increasing importance in the propagation of horticultural and ornamental species. Private agricultural companies are approaching the scientific world, understanding its importance, asking to solve specific problems. The production of new hybrids of interest can be supported by several *in vitro* approaches, such as embryo rescue, somatic embryogenesis and haploid and doubled haploid technology. Furthermore, micropropagation can be successfully applied to maintain and multiply endemic or rare plants, or plants with unique ornamental and/or horticultural characteristics. It is also possible to recover varieties that are disease and pest free. The identification of efficient regeneration protocols is required as the first fundamental step to be applied in genome editing approaches, with the scope, for example, to modulate stress resistance genes, in vegetable, ornamental or aromatic crops. The aim of the Special Issue is to report innovative research, tools, approaches and techniques in the applications of *in vitro* propagation techniques.

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