Special Issue

Selected Papers from the 2nd National Conference on Tea Plant Biology and Advances in Tea Plant Biology and Tea Quality Regulation

Message from the Guest Editors

As a health drink, tea has a long history and profound cultural accumulation and is loved by consumers all over the world. As one of the most important parts of horticultural research, tea plant biology has experienced a long period of accumulation and ushered in a golden period of rapid development. With the deciphering of the genome and the application of new technologies, remarkable progress has been made in tea plant genetics, breeding, growth and development, regulation of secondary metabolic pathways, stress response, defense mechanisms, etc. Moreover, tea quality analysis and in-depth exploration of health effects provide unprecedented opportunities for the diversified utilization of tea. At this important stage, it is very necessary to summarize the latest achievements in time, so as to provide information support for researchers and industry experts in tea science and related fields. The 2nd National Conference on Tea Plant Biology will be held in Hefei from July 23 to 24 in 2021. We warmly hope that the important progress made by researchers and graduates, including but not limited to the conference, will be published in this issue.

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