



## **Mediterranean Diet: Health, Environment, Culture, Sustainability**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

The concept of the "Mediterranean Diet" (MD) has undergone a particular and progressive transformation over the last several decades. The MD was created and conceptualized at the beginning of the second half of the 20th century as a healthy dietary pattern.

However, the concept has evolved to become a sustainable dietary pattern, within which the DM has been considered within the category of "sustainable diets". Since then, it has undergone various modifications that have led it from being a concept linked solely to health, to an element of culture and a lifestyle, as a result of its declaration as intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2010 (and its extension in 2013). This evolution of the concept has been developed for more than half a century, and actually involves different perspectives and disciplines: health, nutrition, food studies, cultures, heritage, environment, etc. Since that point, the Mediterranean Diet has adopted a new path (guided by the FAO) as a sustainable diet, focusing on sustainability and locality as the cornerstones of its new identity.

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