



## **Innovative Methods for Monitoring and Assessment of Contaminants in Aquatic Ecosystems**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

A large majority of surface and ground water bodies, which are key resources for the sustainability of the environment and for human communities, are subjected to chemical and microbiological pollution. Thus, the ability to monitor the presence of pollutants is of growing concern, requiring dedicated research activities. Nowadays, technology provides sophisticated tools (i.e., high-throughput DNA sequencing methods) for monitoring water quality.

This Special Issue is planned to present the state-of-the-art and the latest techniques and methodologies in the field of monitoring and assessment of aquatic ecosystems. Its overarching goal is to provide a framework to detect and quantify pollutants and to highlight a number of key challenges that lie ahead a correct estimation of their presence in water bodies.

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