# **Special Issue**

# Organisms as Bioindicators of Soil Quality in Human Affected Environments

### Message from the Guest Editors

Soil provides the main foundation for human activity and housing. In recent decades, there was a significant increase in soil degradation processes driven or exacerbated by human activity. Climate change, pollution, agriculture, and fire are the main factors that contribute to accelerating soil degradation processes. These processes will further increase if no action is taken, efforts need to assess the anthropic pressures on soil properties.

Soil micro- and meso-fauna are definitively the actors of the processes occurring in soils. Thanks to their quick response to environmental changes, soil organisms are widely used as bioindicators of soil quality from small to large scale. To date, there are still some open challenges to better understanding the relationships between soil organism distributions or functions and the soil abiotic properties. Therefore, all research involving the implementation of the current knowledge on these subjects is welcome in this Special Issue.

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