

Special Issue

Plant Responses to Heavy Metals

Message from the Guest Editor

The focus of this Special Issue on “Plant Responses to Heavy Metals” is primarily on the mechanisms underlying metal toxicity, metal tolerance, and metal (hyper-)accumulation phenomena, particularly in “metallophytes”, i.e., plant species with the ability to genetically adapt to “metalliferous” soils. Special attention will be paid to the biochemical and molecular mechanisms underlying metal-specific “hypertolerance” and “hyperaccumulation” phenomena, i.e., the identification of the transporters and chelators involved in metal uptake, plant-internal transport and sequestration, as well as their activities and localization patterns at the levels of organs and tissues, and subcellularly. In particular, studies from an evolutionary viewpoint are highly appreciated. (How did the trait evolve? Why only in a small minority of plant species? Is this related to “chromosomal instability” (e.g., local duplication)? How?).

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