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Natural Enemies Interactions in Pest Control

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Message from the Guest Editors

Biological pest control is a rapidly growing field of fundamental science and applied research and, of course, business. As many active ingredients of conventional pesticides are being restricted in more and more countries, biocontrol is moving to the center of attention for an increasing number of professionals in agriculture and horticulture. Many invertebrate pests can be successfully controlled using various biological control methods, such as application of natural enemies, e.g., viruses, bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and insects. The efficacy of natural enemies can be synergistically improved through the combination of two or more bioagents, but these interactions can also lead to antagonism and failure of the biocontrol method. We believe that innovative application techniques that evaluate the relationship among various natural enemies and their hosts at an appropriate level can significantly improve the impact of bioagents on invertebrate pests and can assist in the growth of this field.



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