

Special Issue

Advances in the Bio-Ecology and Control of Plant-Damaging Acari

Message from the Guest Editors

Mites include numerous species with various functional and trophic habitus: they live in a wide range of habitats. Many are pests of economic prominence, others critically important predators and biological control agents, functioning as fungivorous and saprophytic detritivores, vectors of diseases, and ecosystem engineers playing vital roles in soil formation and structure. In spite of their impressive diversity, there are several knowledge contexts that still require investigation. This Special Issue aims to provide an update on aspects of their biology, life history, reproduction and ecology to fill gaps in understanding these intriguing organisms especially for pest management, including detection strategies. Hence, we are pleased to welcome submissions of research and review articles to this Special Issue of *Insects*. Papers that consider bio-ecological aspects, detection methods and control techniques are welcome.

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Arthropods are a diverse and abundant group of animals that are important to a variety of research dictates. For example, hexapods act as bio-indicators of ecosystem function and pest status and serve as model systems for questions concerning physiology, embryology, genetics, and social interaction. The editorial board and staff at *Insects* is committed to providing contributors an open access forum to showcase objective and innovative research as well as succinct review articles. Our journal is dedicated to providing timely and thorough review of qualified submissions and we welcome you to submit a contribution.

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