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# Advances in Research on Parasitoids for Biological Control of Agricultural Pests

### Message from the Guest Editors

The use of biological control tools against insect pests has significantly increased in agriculture globally in recent years. This is especially due to an increasing demand from society for a reduction in chemical pesticides used in food production. Biological control has a crucial role in this regard, both Conservation, Augmentative and Classical Biological Control. Among the biocontrol agents of importance, especially used in Augmentative Biological Control programs, egg parasitoids should be highlighted, not only due to their efficacy and safety but also due to the fact of controlling pests in an early stage of development (egg) before any harm can be caused to the plants. This Special Issue aims to bring the most innovative research in parasitoid use and conservation in agriculture. Strategies of IPM to preserve and increase, as well as opportunities to introduce new parasitoids into the different agroecosystems are welcome.

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