

## Special Issue

# The Richness of the Forest Microcosmos

### Message from the Guest Editor

There are currently about 2 million described species on planet Earth, but it is estimated that there may be as many as 9 million. One of the largest groups are invertebrates, among which insects dominate.

The richest terrestrial ecosystems are related to forests. This huge species richness and an almost unfathomable network of connections between species and the habitats they dwell in should be a challenge for the research community. The challenge is to formulate a research hypothesis and seek to validate it in a timely manner, as the Earth's forest landmass is decreasing every year.

This Special Issue aims to provide a platform for scientific discussions on a number of research topics, such as biodiversity, factors influencing the occurrence of selected species, and the monitoring and identifying bioindicators of environmental change. We believe that the publications in this Special Issue will be not only a source of inspiration for further research but also contribute to achieving a reasonable compromise between the necessary protection of forests and the need for economic benefits.

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