

Special Issue

Bed Bugs: An Emerging Pandemic

Message from the Guest Editor

Bed bugs (*Cimex* spp. [Heteroptera: Cimicidae]) recently have re-emerged worldwide as important pests of humans. These ectoparasitic insects, which preferentially feed on human blood, have become a virtual epidemic in many towns and cities. Bed bug infestations result in occupants experiencing diminished quality of life, economic hardships, and potential physical and mental health problems. The articles contained in this special issue of *Insects* will focus on the extent of the bed bug problem, health implications, and policy issues. Articles will address a range of topics, from biology and habits of bed bugs to prevention and management strategies. This special issue will help bring to light the societal impacts caused by bed bugs.

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