

## Special Issue

# Challenges and Opportunities in Botanic Garden Tourism

### Message from the Guest Editors

Botanical garden tourism has the potential to help gardens engage with and educate the public and to generate revenue to support expansion projects and general upkeep. However, research has shown that visitor perception is focused on aesthetics and services and not on living plant collections, displays and educational content. Furthermore, increasing tourism to gardens might lead to the degradation of the living plant collection. Delicate historic or rare specimens might be damaged or killed, and visitors might dislike areas of great scientific and conservational value such as those left to go to seed, which are often misinterpreted as abandoned. On the other hand, if botanical gardens do not take visitor needs into account, they risk losing public support and relevance. Thus, this Special Issue focuses on tourism's double-edged potential, both to support botanic gardens' missions but also to impede them. We look forward to your contributions.

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