

Special Issue

Jellyfish and Polyps: Cnidarians as Sustainable Resources for Biotechnological Applications and Bioprospecting - II

Message from the Guest Editors

Sea anemones, corals, and less familiar forms of benthic polypoid cnidarians limited swimming ability, and their wide biodiversity with about 13,400 living described species make cnidarians top candidates for the development of biochemical strategies for survival (feeding, defense) and reproduction, including symbiosis or other relationships with microbes and other organisms. Venomous compounds occurring in extracts of cnidarians are viewed with particular interest for both of the aims, as well as the mitigation of their adverse effects and their possible beneficial use for humans. Furthermore, in the pharmacopeia of traditional medicine of Eastern countries, jellyfish are regarded as a treatment for disorders and diseases and represent a valuable foodstuff with health benefits, suggesting the occurrence of bioactive compounds.

This Special Issue will collect novel research papers and original reviews focusing on bioprospecting marine cnidarians and on the exploitation of their biomasses and derived compounds for biotechnological and biomedical applications, as well as active ingredients for pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, cosmetic, and cosmeceutical uses.

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