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# Sustainable Metal Waste Management: Biological Approaches

## Message from the Guest Editors

Plants growing on metal containing waste dumps showed their excellence in tolerating multiple metals by accumulating them into different organs, which provides one of the best sustainable approaches for metal waste management. Moreover, microbes dwelling in synergy with plants play a vital role in enhanced metal accumulation, thus providing a better option for final metal recovery from wastes. Prior to that, a detailed knowledge of metal bioavailability and bioaccessibility. as well as its transfer from soil and translocation in different organs of plant, are essential in order to assess the actual danger/risk posed by these contaminants to the plants. The study of plant physiology and biochemistry of these plants could provide the toxic effect of these contaminants, adaptability and its suitability in metal waste management and recovery. Investigating these aspects requires the use of analytical techniques, which could enable one to solve the soil-metal-microbe high complexity with a spatial resolution, down to the micrometer- or even nanometerscale.

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