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Microorganisms from Terrestrial Extreme Environments: Exploration and Exploitation Towards Sustainable Plant Production

Message from the Guest Editors

Global climate change (GCC) is generating several issues at present, especially limitations regarding water and food security with an enormous impact on a growing population. In this scenario, it is urgent to develop sustainable alternatives. Noticeably, the existence of plant communities in extreme environments, such as hyper-arid deserts, Arctic and Antarctic areas, salt flats, high mountains, or soils with a high presence of phytotoxic elements, among others, represents a unique opportunity for the study of microorganisms highly adapted to these limiting conditions. Studying such kinds of microorganisms opens avenues to their potential for plant growth promotion, highlighting them as a valuable tool to be used in plant production.

This Special Issue aims to gather current and relevant information on the microbiological components present in diverse extreme terrestrial environments, specially oriented to the characterization and corroboration of microbial capacity to increase the plant tolerance to the main limitations that the GCC is generating in plant production.

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