Special Issue

The Evolution and Adaptation of Microbes in the Environment

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focal points include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adaptation of microbial communities to different environments. Marine and terrestrial habitats and biotopes.
- Adaptation of microbes to extreme environmental conditions. What is really an "extremophile"? Acidoand alkaliphile, adaptation to high (60 °C to 96 °C) or low temperatures (4 °C to -12 °C), adaptation to high salinity, oligotrophy, and other adaptations.
- Evolution of microbes to form communities and occupy new habitats. Genome modification and adaptation. Horizontal gene transfer.
- Symbiosis as an evolutionary force. Role of symbiosis (intracellular or extracellular, and among microbial populations and communities) in evolution.
- History of the microbial life on Earth. How microbes evolved and thrived in the different ages of our planet.
- The microbiomes of animals. Normal and dystopic human microbiomes. The holobiont concept and its implications. Microbial multiresistance to antibiotics and chemotherapeutics.

Reviews, original research papers, communications and translational articles are welcome.

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