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Bacteria occupy all major ecosystems and maintain an intensive relationship with the photosynthetic eukaryotes, developing into complex biomes such as the phycosphere and the phytosphere (including the phyllosphere, endosphere, and rhizosphere). Interactions between eukaryotes and bacteria range from cooperative to competitive, with the associated (micro)organisms influencing their hosts' development, growth, and health. This Special Issue of Microorganisms aims to provide a scientific platform for scientists to perform fundamental and applied research on natural and synthetic plant (micro)algae-microbe communities and consortia and their arrangements, relationships, and interactions. This Special Issue will include original studies, reviews, communications, and method papers related to the (meta)genomics, (meta)transcriptomics, (meta)proteomics, and metabolomics, etc., on plant-microbe, (micro)algaemicrobe as well as microbe-microbe interactions. ranging from beneficial to competing, from aquatic, terrestrial and synthetic ecosystems.

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