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Phloem Localized Insect Transmitted Bacteria Associated with Plant Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

Insect-vectored bacterial diseases of plants are emerging threats to crops and forestry worldwide. Psyllid-vectored liberibacters and insect-vectored phytoplasmas are associated with epidemic diseases that can have a devastating impact on the economy. In this Special Issue, we will focus on the management of these diseases, grouped according to the main associated bacterium, aimed at reducing losses, A preliminary, tentative list of these diseases includes aster yellows and other yellows, fruit tree and palm decline and yellowing, "stolbur", "bois noir", "huanglongbing", potato purple top, and zebra chips. Papers should report on the detection and identification of the insect-transmitted bacteria associated with these diseases, as well as their insect vectors, plant hosts, epidemiology, and management where available. Keywords:

- phytopathogenic bacteria
- 'Candidatus Phytoplasma' species
- 'Candidatus Liberibacter' species and subspecies
- plant disease
- prevention
- management
- detection
- identification
- insect vectors

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