

Special Issue

Microbially Driven Biodegradation and Biotransformation in Polluted Environmental Matrices

Message from the Guest Editors

It was stated that the terms "biodegradation", "biotransformation", and "biocatalysis" all deal with the same thing: reactions that substantiate the microbial metabolism. Which term is properly used depends on the perspective by which individuals look at what is expected by the metabolic processes. The aim of this Special Issue of *Microorganisms* is to collect original contributions regarding the state of knowledge about the ability of specific microorganisms—whether they are archaea, bacteria or fungi—to cause the conversion, either aerobic or anaerobic, of important environmental pollutants to inorganic compounds or to end-products that are however not harmful to human health and ecosystems. Any advancement of knowledge in the field of microbial catalysis associated with the biodegradation/biotransformation of contaminants of ecological concern can actually find application in reliable protocols of bioremediation, namely the most cost-effective and acceptable technology for the detoxification of pollutant contaminated environmental matrices such as soils, sediments and groundwater.

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