

Special Issue

Interaction between Microorganisms and Metals in Extreme Environments

Message from the Guest Editors

Microorganisms and minerals interact in a bi-directional way. Environmental physico-chemical characteristics shape microbial communities and help to select for well-adapted microorganisms. Likewise, microorganisms dissolve, transform and produce minerals, which affect metals modifying geochemical cycles, bioavailability, toxicity, and speciation. Understanding the interaction between microbes and metals is of great importance to develop new bioremediation strategies, prevent further contamination of water and soil, and to develop new biotechnological applications. This Special Issue focuses on metal-microbe interactions in natural or manmade extreme environments: alkaline, acidic, extreme temperatures, salinity, radiation, anoxia, extreme pressure, and any other environments considered extreme. We accept manuscripts from scientists at any stage of their career, though we would like to highlight scientists at an early stage of their career in this Special Issue so as to encourage early-career researchers to submit their manuscripts.

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