Special Issue

Grass and Endophyte Interactions

Message from the Guest Editors

Grasses are the host of symptomless endophytic fungi, from Epichloë genera. For agricultural practice, this symbiosis has a positive effect on the grasses inhabited by these fungi, but at the same time. the fodder from grasses inhabited by these fungi may adversely affect livestock. Endophyte-infected grasses express a range of adaptations to abiotic (drought, mineral imbalance, soil acidity) and biotic (disease, pest, or animals) stresses. As a result, endophyte-infected grasses are more compatible than non-infected grasses and thrive better in the presence of limited resources. However, in certain circumstances, endophytes may produce toxic alkaloids (ergovaline, lolitrem B, etc.) that have been linked with animal production and health problems. In this Special Issue, we invite papers on the association of grasses with endophytes and an examination of the alkaloids produced by these fungi. Papers describing the reactions of grasses inhabited by endophytes to biotic and abiotic stresses as well as the adverse effects of alkaloids on farm animals will be of interest.

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