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Strategies for Sustainable Innovative Crop Pest Management

Message from the Guest Editor

Agriculture faces pressing challenges. We need to reduce our reliance on chemical pesticides to manage new/invading/emerging pests. Addressing these issues demands innovative solutions that harmonize agricultural productivity with global health. This Special Issue invites cutting-edge and upscaling research results on sustainable pest management (all harmful organisms, pathogens, weeds, and animals), positioning plants as central components in agroecosystem resilience. We emphasize the multiple roles of plants as providers of ecosystem services or inadvertent disservices (e.g., the spread of pests). Their genetic, compositional, and ecological diversity underpins agroecological strategies such as intercropping, habitat diversification, and plant-microbe synergies, reducing reliance on chemical pesticides. Submissions should explore novel approaches and management solutions, including Al-driven monitoring, new genomic technicsbased options, plant-derived biopesticides aligned with integrated pest management (IPM) frameworks, etc.

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