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Root Development and Adaptations

Message from the Guest Editor

Plants have root systems that not only anchor them to the soil, but also absorb nutrients and water required for their growth. Through evolution, plant root systems have been able to adapt to various environmental cues, such as soil composition, competition with other root systems, and abiotic and biotic stresses, as well as interact with beneficial organisms in the rhizosphere. Root architecture and responses to different environmental conditions are diverse and phenotypically variable. Using *Arabidopsis* as a model system has improved our understanding of molecular signaling involved in root apical meristem action, pattern formation, root growth rate, and the degree of branching. Given the actual root system diversity and complexity inherent among plant species, new discoveries have enriched our understanding of several aspects of control in root development in diverse species and their role within plant adaptation.

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