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Biochemical Responses of Horticultural Crops to Abiotic Stresses

Message from the Guest Editors

Abiotic stresses such as drought, waterlogging, extreme temperatures, salinity, nutrient deficiency, agrochemical application, heavy metal toxicity, low and high light intensities, UV light, hypoxia, and pruning can significantly impede plant growth, development, and productivity. Horticultural plants are high-value crops, are grown in diverse environmental conditions, and often experience either individual or combined abiotic stresses. Plants have evolved a series of mechanisms to react to these stresses, such as biochemical responses. These include the activation of antioxidant enzymes, adjustments in water use and nutrient uptake, changes in photosynthetic parameters, the accumulation and degradation of phytochemicals such as antioxidants, osmolytes, and various secondary metabolites, the regulation of biosynthesis of carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, amino acids, and sugars, and alterations in cell wall architecture. This Special Issue of *Plants* is intended to focus on the biochemical responses of horticultural crops to abiotic stresses. Both research and review manuscripts addressing abiotic stress-induced biochemical responses in horticultural crops are welcome.

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