Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Many research activities in the field of agricultural robotics started more than 20 years ago, but most of them were discontinued due to the high costs of implementation and the unsuccessful results. Recently due the decrease in the cost of sensors, computing equipment and many other robotic related technologies, many researchers have started new projects and proposed new applications of robots in agriculture. Moreover nowadays the rising costs of labor and new safety regulations make the adoption of robots in agriculture more convenient. This special issue welcomes submissions concerning new theories and methods and innovative applications of robotics in agriculture. We particularly encourage papers with thorough experimental evaluation.

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