# **Special Issue**

# Conservation and Enhancement of Biodiversity in Sustainable Cropping Systems

## Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we are looking for scientific contributions (i.e., articles, reviews, and short notes) that deal with the development of sustainable cropping systems through optimized plant diversification (varieties, ecotypes, landraces, and local wild species of agricultural interest) and enhanced ecological processes.

This Special Issue will focus on the following:

- Conservation and enrichment of plant collections:
- Selection of new plant germplasm:
- Development of protocols for the propagation and/or cultivation of new plant germplasm;
- Plant biodiversity role in shaping the ecological footprint of crop production;
- Reduction in chemical use in agriculture through increased biodiversity;
- Plant biodiversity impact on nutrient cycling processes and carbon storage in the soil;
- Promotion of biomass production through multispecies crop systems;
- Diversifying crop species to support pollinators and enhance natural pest management in agricultural environments.

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