

## Special Issue

# Sustainable Use of Biocontrol Agents

### Message from the Guest Editors

A major challenge of humankind is to feed the increasing human population in a sustainable manner. Herbivorous insects and mites can be highly destructive to crops, causing significant yield losses. The application of pesticides remains the most effective measure for their control, despite the worldwide demand for agricultural products with reduced load of chemicals. Biological control with predators and parasitoids is currently the most promising alternative to control pests and is the most popular measure applied in organic farming and integrated pest management programs. In this Special Issue of *Sustainability*, we would like to include original research and review papers dealing with methods and strategies to overcome the establishment impediments of biocontrol agents that can be otherwise used to successfully control arthropod pests. We aim to summarize the existing knowledge and also highlight the key outcomes of the latest research.

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