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Actor-oriented Research for Food Systems Redesign in Agroecological Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

Specialized, intensive agriculture, despite generally high productivity, has generated a variety of drawbacks for the environment and public health. Actor-oriented, integrative, and participatory approaches of research could be fundamental pillars to promote dynamic and properly oriented innovation processes. Organic farming, guaranteeing the respect of its fundamental principles of health, ecology, fairness, and care, represents the right context for actor-oriented research by incorporating agroecology into organic research, as the engine to promote food system sustainability. In this Special Issue, we will explore specific ways in which actor-oriented research contributes to organic food system redesign toward sustainability. We seek contributions that accomplish this by focusing on the connections between different actors through action-research strategies as far as participatory multi-criteria analysis. We will also consider how consumer awareness strategies may affect the food system redesign, through a shift in consumption choices guided by the respect of the sustainable development of the local and global community.

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