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Message from the Guest Editor

Agricultural production systems represent one of the main causes of water consumption, soil degradation, greenhouse-gas emissions and consequent climate change, and pose a threat to global biodiversity. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development orients the agri-food policies of the coming years towards responsible production systems, which facilitate access to food, optimizing the use of resources and agricultural practices to increase productivity, from the perspective of environmental protection. Agriculture, therefore, must face the double challenge of competitiveness and sustainability, two objectives that often do not go together, but which can be achieved by combining innovative scientific methods and sustainable agricultural practices as well as social policies and institutional changes. A multidisciplinary approach is therefore needed to ensure the improvement of the soil and water quality, the protection of ecosystems from climate change, and a reduction in food loss and waste, with the goal of guaranteeing access to healthy, genuine products and nutritionally adequate food for all.

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