

Special Issue

Fruit Tree Viruses and Viroids

Message from the Guest Editors

Fruit trees constitute a very important part of agricultural economy worldwide. They are propagated vegetatively and they are also grafted on rootstocks. As a result, they are susceptible to many plant viruses with some of them causing severe diseases, crop losses and reducing the productive life of their fruit trees host plants. The movement of propagative material across the borders has facilitated the spread of fruit tree viruses and their insect vectors worldwide. The last few years the use of next generation sequencing (NGS) technology has increased the number of virus species detected and in some cases these viruses were identified as the causal agents of known diseases having previously unknown etiology. The NGS technology has also increased the number of virus sequences deposited in the data bases and this also helped to improve their molecular diagnostic tools and studies on their genetic diversity. In this Special Issue of *Viruses*, we would like to include both research and review papers, providing an insight into the latest research on Fruit Tree Viruses and Viroids and to highlight key outcomes.

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