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Aquatic Microalgal Biotechnology and Phylogenetic Studies

Message from the Guest Editors

The application of algae is developing at a rapid pace, as algae are being applied in everything from materials science, to food and fuel production, and to medicines and cosmetics. The diversity of microalgal groups from which these products are produced is quite high, involving many branches across the tree of life. In addition, the uncovering of the relationships of microalgae is being fueled by the ubiquitous application of molecular methods for phylogeny reconstruction. In many cases, the properties that have led to the utility and application of microalgae have a phylogenetic basis. This Special Issue of *Water* aims to bring together in one volume works that describe new applications of microalgae across a broad spectrum of technologies, as well as those that summarize new insights into our understanding of the evolution and relationships of these freshwater, brackish and marine groups. We encourage those who are involved in research using both approaches to look at microalgal products and biotechnology and take a phylogenetic approach to define, bioprospect and/or develop these products and resources.

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