

## Special Issue

# The Soil–Water–Microbiome Nexus: Integrating Microbial Functions for Agricultural Sustainability

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue addresses several fundamental research gaps that currently limit the development of microbiome-based solutions for sustainable agroecosystems. First, the mechanisms governing plant–microbe communication, particularly root exudation signals that recruit beneficial microorganisms, remain poorly characterised across diverse crop species and environmental conditions. Second, the performance variability of microbial inoculants under field conditions, where fluctuating soil types, climate stressors, and indigenous microbial communities influence colonisation and persistence, represents a major barrier to consistent agronomic outcomes. Third, the functional roles of rare microbial taxa in multi-nutrient cycling and their responses to alternative water management strategies (such as alternate wetting and drying) require systematic investigation. Fourth, the integration of microbiome indicators into ecological risk assessment frameworks and soil health monitoring protocols remains largely undeveloped. Finally, understanding how climate change-induced stressors interact with soil and water microbiomes to affect ecosystem resilience demands urgent attention.

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