



Beneficial Plant–Fungal Interactions

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues,

Over the last century, a plethora of fungal microorganisms exerting beneficial effects on a wide variety of plant species have been described and characterized. Some of them enhance plant growth and yield production either by secreting volatile or nonvolatile metabolites or by directly interacting with plant roots and increasing nutrient availability or accessibility. Others modulate plant fitness indirectly through antibiosis, parasitism or competition with some of the biotic threats that compose the root microbiota and that continuously influence plant health throughout its entire life cycle.

We invite you to contribute both original research and review articles covering all aspects of the signaling events occurring among beneficial fungi, pathogens, and plants and leading to a positive output in terms of plant fitness.





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