



## Epidemiology and Management of Fruit and Foliar Diseases

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The current pandemic is a stark reminder of the importance of the science of epidemiology. Regardless of causal and target organisms, epidemiology has improved our understanding of disease dynamics in time and space and allowed us to design and implement effective control strategies. Pathogenic microorganisms constantly challenge plant populations in agricultural and natural ecosystems, and plant diseases represent a serious threat to crop productivity and food security. Plant disease epidemiologists have endeavored to identify and quantify the environmental and biological factors driving disease outbreaks while devising successful disease management practices. Continued research efforts in plant disease epidemiology are of utmost importance, particularly, considering the constant challenges posed by plant pathogens with recent host range and/or geographical range expansions, the numerous, recurring outbreaks from endemic pathogens, as well as changes in modern cropping practices conducive to disease emergence.





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