



Biosignatures in Deep Time

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Life probably appeared on Earth 4 billion years ago. Unfortunately, studying fossils dating from this time to understand the origin and early evolution of life is hampered by geological and biological processes. In particular, metamorphism, plate tectonics, and crustal recycling are responsible for the degradation or disappearance of most of the oldest fossils. Moreover, when looking back into the past, the presence of large organisms decreases with time, and for most of Earth's history, the biosphere is only composed of microbes.

This Special Issue focuses on corroborative biosignatures and bio-indicators that allow demonstration of the biogenicity of ancient microbial remains from the kilometer to nanometer scale. We are thus particularly looking for contributions based on **correlative multiscale and multimodal approaches**.





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