



Horticultural Plants Facing Stressful Conditions - Ways of Stress Mitigation

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Message from the Guest Editors

Horticultural plants are exposed to a wide range of environmental stresses. Two types of stresses are distinguished: (1) abiotic stresses (e.g., heavy metals, salinity, heat, drought, chilling, freezing, radiation, nutrient deficit) and (2) biotic stresses (e.g., fungi, bacteria, nematodes, insects). Plants have developed various strategies of survival in and adaptation to adverse habitats. Their responses involve different complex signaling pathways, the effects of which can be investigated at the molecular, cellular, and physiological levels. Under multiple stress conditions, plants synthesize various regulators and biologically active compounds, which cause both biotic and abiotic stress responses. Plant tolerance can emerge not only from endogenic mechanisms, but also from simultaneously enriched microorganisms inhabiting their tissues (endophytes), surfaces (epiphytes), and soils in the vicinity of the roots (rhizosphere).

The goal of this Special Issue is to provide deeper insight into the influence of stress factors at the cellular, tissue, organ, and whole plant level.





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