Special Issue

Effects of Pollutants on Non-Target Insects

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues, Insects such as pollinators and natural enemies can suffer deleterious effects from agrochemicals and other stressors used in various agro- and urban ecosystems. Studies examining the lethal and sub-lethal impacts of these stressors on nontarget insects provide valuable insights for improving the conservation of these insects and the ecosystem services they provide. This Special Issue invites contributions focused on the effects of pollutants on non-target insects, including original research articles and review papers that address this theme comprehensively. The scope of this call includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Risk assessment of different stressors on non-target insects;
- Lethal and sub-lethal effects of different stressors on non-target insects, with a focus on both laboratory and field studies:
- Effects of different stressors on pollinators;
- Effects of different stressors on natural enemies;
- Potential effects of different stressors on endangered species.

We encourage researchers to submit high-quality manuscripts that explore these topics.

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