



## Microbiomes in Crop Yield and Stress Biology

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Dear Colleagues,

Over the next two decades, the world is predicted to experience an unprecedented global food crisis due to the rapidly growing world population, a food security issue further compounded by global climate change. Global climate change has far-reaching consequences on plant life and agriculture as a whole. Diverse environmental stresses, including plant pathogens, droughts, flooding, salinity, soil acidification, cold and heat, directly limit crop production. By identifying beneficial microorganisms, crops may be more resilient to such unfavorable stressors, thus, de-escalating the food security problem. In this Special Issue, we aim to focus on plant metagenomics, with articles presenting the functional characterization of novel microbes capable of helping plants thrive in both biotic and abiotic stress conditions.

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