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Soil Microbial Communities under Environmental Change

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Climate change, as well as changes in land use and urbanization, are affecting soil microbial community structure, composition, diversity and function. The complex ecology of soil microbes support a better understanding of the multi-functionality of soils. In this respect, the importance of developing microbiological indicators for the monitoring of soil quality has been emphasized, in order to establish an early-warning bioindicator of potential losses of the multi-functionality of soils faced with environmental changes. Therefore, studies focusing on soil microbial communities and their relationships with key environmental factors constitute important research not only to reveal the effects of environmental changes, but also to identify microbial indicators to monitor such changes in the soil environment from agricultural, urban and natural landscapes.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide an adequate collection of recent articles (both basic and applied research) that contributes to our understanding of the effects of environmental changes on soil microbial communities.

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