



## Microbial Communities on the Surface of Algae

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Micro- and macroalgae belong to a diverse group of photosynthetic organisms, they contribute to global primary production and the biological carbon pump. Algae live in close association with microorganisms which influence algal fitness, performance and stress resilience, and determine interactions with other species. These interactions have ecosystem-wide implications. Yet, the principles and steering forces for assembly of algal microbial communities are partially understood. Questions remain regarding the role of small-scaled host factors versus large-scaled environmental factors in shaping algal microbiomes. Challenges remain in decoupling algal fitness and performance affected by microbiomes from the effect of algae on microbiota and the environment in their immediate surrounding. Other than trace elements and vitamins, the chemical currencies required or exchanged between algae and microorganisms during assembly and functioning of the holobiont are virtually unknown.

This Special Issue of *Microorganisms* invites contributions addressing the latest advances to the questions and issues in algal microbiome research.





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