



Ecology of Pathogenic Fungi

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Message from the Guest Editors

Plant pathogens are present in every niche, from the air to plant tissues to the soil and water the plants live in. Despite pathogens being from different systematic groups, they share the ability to infect their hosts, and the key to their success often lies in high host density and stress—more recently also related to climate changes. Therefore, it is crucial to understand the plant pathogen ecology and etiology in order to develop effective management strategies and improve or minimise yield losses. Understanding the interactions of hosts with pathogens, the environment, mechanisms of disease transmission and sources of inoculum is vital for the proper management of plant diseases.

This Special Issue of *Pathogens* is devoted to the ecology of plant pathogenic fungi. We welcome researchers to submit manuscripts that focus on the ecology and etiology of plant pathogens. Multiple annual surveys and forest/field-oriented studies, and data to substantiate on plant diseases are highly encouraged. However, all types of articles will be considered for publication, including short reports, preliminary research articles, and reviews.





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The worldwide impact of infectious disease is incalculable. The consequences for human health in terms of morbidity and mortality are obvious and vast but, when infections of animals and plants are also taken into account, it is hard to imagine any other disease that has such a significant impact on our lives—on healthcare systems, on agriculture and on world economics. *Pathogens* is proud to continue to serve the international community by publishing high quality studies that further our understanding of infection and have meaningful consequences for disease intervention.

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