



## Emerging and Re-emerging Plant Viruses in a Context of Global Change

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Extant plant viruses and diseases caused by them severely impact yields of many economically important crops. In addition, new plant viruses are becoming increasingly common at the interface of cultivated and natural vegetations. Numerous factors driving the emergence of new viruses include virus evolution, genomic recombination, reassortment, agricultural diversification, urbanization, global trade, and human migration. Furthermore, climate change and intensification practices could aggravate the risk of new and emerging viruses. These emerging viruses impact the regional agroecosystem and pose a risk to food security and the local economy. To what extent do these new emerging and re-emerging viruses threaten native plant communities and diversity is not well investigated. This Special Issue highlights the impact of emerging and re-emerging viruses in the newly introduced regions, assays to detect the virus in managed and natural vegetation, vector, beneficial population, high-throughput sequencing, host–virus–vector interaction, virus management using conventional and genomic tools, and steps to mitigate virus spread.





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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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