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***Colletotrichum* spp. on Fruit Crops – State of the Art, Perspectives and Drawbacks**

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Colletotrichum spp. are one of the most notorious plant pathogenic fungi that affect important crop production and global food security. Climate change and ongoing globalization are the two major challenges of the 21st century for plant pathogen evolution and disease-resistant crops. It is therefore essential to design new breeding strategies to improve disease resistance in fruit crops and to transfer this knowledge to farmers in the required time frame. The multidisciplinary research programs on evolution and diversity of *Colletotrichum spp.*, plant-pathogen molecular and ecological interactions, fungal genomes consortium, genome editing, and epidemiology studies have been revealing remarkable features of *Colletotrichum spp.* For this Special Issue of *Pathogens*, we invite you to submit innovative research and review articles, as well as brief communications related to *Colletotrichum spp.* Complex—OMICS approaches and scientific challenges—to ensure food security and develop novel strategies to control crop diseases in the context of the world's global challenges.



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