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**2022 BEST PAPER AWARD WINNERS**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the winners of the *Plants* 2022 Best Paper Award. All papers published from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 were considered for the award. After a thorough evaluation of the originality and significance of the papers, as well as their citations and downloads, the four winning papers, nominated by the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Dilantha Fernando, were selected.

## One Review:

Photosynthetic Metabolism under Stressful Growth Conditions as a Bases for Crop Breeding and Yield Improvement
by Fermín Morales, María Ancín, Dorra Fakhet, Jon González-Torralba, Angie L. Gámez, Amaia Seminario, David Soba, Sinda Ben Mariem, Miguel Garriga and Iker Aranjuelo
*Plants* **2020**, *9*(1), 88; doi:10.3390/plants9010088

## Three Research Articles:

Plant Roots Release Small Extracellular Vesicles with Antifungal Activity
by Monica De Palma, Alfredo Ambrosone, Antonietta Leone, Pasquale Del Gaudio, Michelina Ruocco, Lilla Turiák, Ramesh Bokka, Immacolata Fiume, Marina Tucci and Gabriella Pocsfalvi
*Plants* **2020**, *9*(12), 1777; doi:10.3390/plants9121777

Feeding Behavior and Virus-transmission Ability of Insect Vectors Exposed to Systemic Insecticides
by Elisa Garzo, Aránzazu Moreno, María Plaza and Alberto Fereres
*Plants* **2020**, *9*(7), 895; doi:10.3390/plants9070895

Transcriptome Analyses and Antioxidant Activity Profiling Reveal the Role of a Lignin-Derived Biostimulant Seed Treatment in Enhancing Heat Stress Tolerance in Soybean
by Cristina Campobenedetto, Giuseppe Mannino, Chiara Agliassa, Alberto Acquadro, Valeria Contartese, Christian Garabello and Cinzia Margherita Bertea
*Plants* **2020**, *9*(10), 1308; doi:10.3390/plants9101308

Each winner (corresponding author) will receive CHF 500, a certificate, and the chance to publish a paper free of charge in *Plants* in 2022.

On behalf of the assessment committee, I would like to congratulate the winners on their accomplishments. We also wish to thank all the nominated research groups of the exceptional papers above for their contributions to *Plants*, and the Award Committee for voting and for their assistance with this award.

Editor-in-Chief
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