



Machine Learning in Plant Identification and Phenological, Anatomical, and Morphological Research

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Recent advances in imaging and information technology have led to the massive production of digital images of plant specimens and of living plants around the world. This new and rich material, directly produced in the field offers new opportunities to study plant phenology and to identify wild plant species and domesticated varieties.

Computer vision and machine learning approaches are highly promising technologies for taking advantage of this new digital material. Deep learning technologies, in particular, have been recently shown to achieve impressive performance on a variety of predictive tasks. Nevertheless, their use to support innovative phenological studies is quite low. In this Special Issue, we welcome the submission of scientific articles focused on the development of new machine learning techniques applied to phenological, anatomical, or morphological features of plants, particularly those that focus on new types of data produced or analysed with machine learning. We hope to increase the visibility of machine learning tools and promote scientific research at the frontiers of environmental / life science and computer science.





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