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Phytoplankton is one of the most important groups of aquatic organisms. Its basic functions are related to the use of available mineral and often organic compounds and their incorporation into the biological cycle. Excessive development of phytoplankton, a high share of toxin-producing species, and unfavorable changes in the community structure are the first sign of the deteriorating ecological condition of the ecosystem. Thus, a phytoplankton-based water quality assessment may be the quickest signal for any unfavorable changes. Thanks to a holistic approach to phytoplankton research in lakes and rivers, it is possible to identify a number of problems related to eutrophication, both natural and resulting from the negative impact of human activity, detrimental water and sewage management, the influence of alien species of algae, plants and animals on ecosystems, and global and regional climate warming [...]

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