

Special Issue

Germplasm Exploitation and Product Innovation of Vegetable, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants

Message from the Guest Editor

The domestication and crop evolution have occurred for several species, but until now, not all the agrobiodiversity available has been well exploited and utilized. In addition, a great contribution could be offered by several landraces and crop wild relatives that to date have grown in several traditional agrosystems and/or conserved in several genebanks around the world. So far, there is a long list of neglected and/or underutilized species of interest for innovating and for improving vegetables and aromatic and medicinal product. The climate change constraints and the new requests of consumers for healthy foods and of growers for resilient, efficient, and sustainable new cultivars and crops have encouraged several research groups to characterize and to evaluate the collected germplasm for their agronomic, organoleptic, nutraceutical, technological, and genetic traits. The proposed Special Issue would like to point the attention to the ongoing research activities dealing with the germplasm exploitation of traditional, neglected and underutilized species for innovative vegetable, aromatic, and medicinal food supply chains.

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