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Plant-Pathogenic Fungi, 2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Fungi are one of the most ecologically successful groups of organisms due to their ability to colonize any environment. Some phytopathogenic fungi feed on a broad range of host plants, exploiting generalist traits often combined with strong competition strategies. Other fungi develop specialized mechanisms of plant infection and colonization that involve host-specific virulence factors. Environmental challenges shape fungal genomes, and their plasticity results in the evolution of novel traits for niche adaptation and plant disease establishment. Comparative genomics and genetic engineering expand the limits of basic research towards in-field approaches based on the development of more efficient tools for pathogen detection and disease management. In this Special Issue of *Microorganisms*, the topics will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Fungal effectors;
- Secondary metabolites involved in plant colonization and fungal pathogenesis;
- Genomics and evolution of plant-pathogenic fungi;
- Novel pathosystems;
- Innovative tools for the early detection and management of fungal diseases on plants.

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