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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The world buffalo population is about 195 million, distributed across at least 129 different countries, mainly in tropical and subtropical areas. The buffalo species constitutes a primary resource for many small-scale farmers in developing countries.

Breeding programs are carried out in many countries, such as China, India, and Brazil. Italy represents the international point of reference for buffalo breeding as a result of innovations in management, dairy technologies, cheese manufacturing, feeding, and reproduction.

It has become essential to turn attention to new selection goals such as environmental sustainability, animal welfare, and further improving the quality of production. Therefore, genetics and genomics are strategic tools to increase and deepen our knowledge of buffalo biology.

Papers concerning genetic and genomic selection in buffalo, focusing on improving animal production with respect to environmental sustainability and animal welfare, are welcome for submission to this Special Issue.



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