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Forest protection has now become an important global priority. The arrival of new diseases and pests in uncontaminated territories and the resurgence of old, known agents of damage pose serious threats to trees in natural ecosystems as well as in urban forests, impacting ecosystem services. Climate change further exacerbates the problem, weakening forest trees and creating conditions for the range expansion of invasive diseases and pests. Furthermore, the growing trade of seedlings and other propagation material (seeds, cuttings, etc.) is boosting the spread of plant and animal parasites, seriously compromising forest and ornamental nursery activities. With the globalization of trade, the development of diagnostic tools for the early detection of latent pathogens and pests has become crucial. In this context, forest pathology and entomology have become more relevant than ever. We encourage studies from all these fields, including monitoring, epidemiology, ecology, diagnostics and pest and disease management and control to promote the dissemination of knowledge in forest protection for the preservation of structure, diversity, and resilience of natural and urban ecosystems.



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