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Breeding, Genetics and Genomics of Ornamental Plants

Guest Editors: **Message from the Guest Editors** Dr. Johan Van Huvlenbroeck Dear Colleagues, Ornamental crops account for more than US \$42 billion Dr. Kenneth W. Leonhardt globally. Public research programs are increasingly Dr. Teresita D. Amore participating in ornamental cultivar development and genetic studies. With lower sequencing costs, genomic Dr. Krishna Bhattarai information of non-model species including ornamental crops is continuously becoming available. Ornamental breeding utilizes a wide array of breeding Deadline for manuscript strategies ranging from traditional crossing and selection submissions: closed (20 September 2021) methods to the use of next-generation sequencing in genomics and transcriptomics for gene identification and trait development. A continuing search of new species for the ornamentals industry has resulted in the utilization of tools that increase diversity and in the development of alternative methods for obtaining new crops by achieving interspecific and intergeneric crosses. In this Special Issue, we aim to present papers on new breeding methods, novel cultivars and species entering the ornamental industry, the identification of genes conferring novel traits, technological developments in ornamentals research, and the use of next-generation sequencing to

improve ornamental plants.









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