



## Medicinal, Aromatic, Spice Plants: Biodiversity, Phytochemistry, Bioactivity and Their Processing Innovation

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Medicinal, aromatic and spice plants continue to attract growing interest from both scientists and the general public. Plants that consist of biologically active compounds, such as polyphenols, flavonoids, alkaloids, and polypeptides, have been found to possess many antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antiseptic properties.

This Special Issue of *Horticulturae* will tackle the somewhat neglected area of biodiversity, including ethnobotany and breeding these plants to enhance their quality and productivity. The biosynthesis of natural plant substances and their qualitative–quantitative contents produces the most important function of their biological properties and effects, new herbal products, and innovative processing. Finally, medicinal, aromatic, and spicy plants are natural biological resources with the potential to become new-generation substances for human and animal nutrition and health. This Special Issue could therefore be recommended not only to those involved in research on these special crops and their processing, but also to natural product chemists, pharmacognosists and the users of these plants, which are of increasing economic importance.





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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