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# Interaction of Plants and Endophytic Microorganisms: Community, Functions and Applications

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In the last decade, knowledge about the bacterial population that inhabits plants has taken a rather simple view with limited interactions, and the actual situation is now known to involve a complex network of interactions between plants, microbes and metazoans. In this community, endophytic bacteria are highly relevant because some of these bacteria can act as plant biostimulants through diverse growth promotion mechanisms. This has increased the interest in the knowledge of their biodiversity, metabolism and phylogenetic relationships. Since endophytic bacteria may have advantages as plant growth promoters over rhizospheric ones, they will play key roles in the formulation of biostimulants that increase plant yield and health.

This Special Issue will focus on the analysis of plant bacterial endophyte diversity, the phylogenetic relationships among bacteria inhabiting different plant tissues and plant hosts as well as their relevance in the plant growth, health and resistance to environmental stresses.

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