



Impact of Aboveground Disturbances on Subsurface Environments

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Speleothems are typically used as climate archives of caves, as their formation depends on the amount and geochemistry of water dripping into the cave. Likewise, soil minerals, microbes, and organic matter from the surface are transported along bedrock discontinuities and deposited on speleothem surfaces during rain events.

Since secondary mineral deposits have the potential to provide information about former climatic conditions, land use, and surface disturbances, a better knowledge of its nature and origin can help to improve our understanding on the impact of environmental changes in subterranean ecosystems.

This Special Issue on “Impact of Aboveground Disturbances on Subsurface Environments” intends to compile the latest advances on these topics towards promoting better knowledge on the impact of natural hazards and anthropogenic disturbances in the subsurface. Therefore, we invite the authors to submit recent and original research papers and/or reviews to improve our knowledge on how surface alterations change the underground environment.





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