



Biofilm Formation and Survival Strategies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Biofilm formation confers many survival advantages for bacteria in a diverse range of environments. These include protection against antibiotics and antimicrobial agents, host immune defenses, desiccation, UV damage, and nutritional and mechanical stresses. Many of these protective mechanisms are emergent properties unique to the biofilm phenotype. In this Special Issue we invite papers which focus on various aspects of biofilm survival strategies in the natural and built environments, as well as in animal and human infection. By compiling papers covering a broad range of disciplines which are impacted by biofilms, we wish to allow readers to appreciate not only the diversity in types of biofilms but to also allow a “cross-fertilization” of ideas in terms of understanding how a survival mechanism in one context may be applicable to another and how biofilm control strategies can be borrowed from one discipline to another.

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