
Preface

It is my great pleasure to bring out this edited volume of the articles presented in the “National Conference on Microbiological Research in twenty first Century” (NCOMRIT-12), conducted at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, India, during 27–28 February 2012. This conference focused on four interesting and vital fields in Microbiology such as: agriculture and biodiversity, bioprospecting and drug discovery, environment and bioremediation and medical and infectious diseases. We have already published the findings on bioprospecting and drug discovery and medical and infectious diseases in the special issue “International Journal of Medicobiological Research” (Volume 1: Issue 6: August 2012), a peer reviewed refereed journal. The remaining selected articles in the fields of agriculture and biodiversity and environment and bioremediation are edited and published in this volume which the editor hopes are a valuable contribution to the field of agroecosystem management by microbial facilitations.

The core aim of this volume is to provide a broad spectrum of agroecosystems structure, function and maintenance involved in microbial research. I assume as stated above, that agriculture and biodiversity and environment and bioremediation might fulfill this objective. This book consists of 20 research articles focusing on the emerging problems in the field and the positive findings. The findings are that of the authors concerned. These articles are arranged progressively linking themselves thematically. The editor hopes that these would prompt the budding scholars to further their research which in turn would certainly help the agriculturists.

At this juncture, I would like to convey my deep appreciation to all contributors including the accepted manuscript and other authors, who submitted their manuscript that could not be accommodated in this edition due to time and space constraints. I am indebted to my Professor Dr. M. Murugesan, Professor of English for his constant encouragement and constructive suggestions. My special thanks are due to Ms. Richa Sharma, Dr. Mamta Kapila and Ms. Deepshikha Chauhan from Springer (India), and all my research scholars for their great effort in publishing the book. In addition, I record my sense of gratitude to Springer (India) private limited and Bharathidasan University for their strong co-operation and encouragements.

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