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molecular strategies for drought tolerant crop development -- Chapter 11 - The rhizosphere - A hub of emerging importance for plant biotic interactions -- Chapter 12 - Genomic and proteomic approaches to enhance stress tolerance in plants for creating stress-resilient species -- Chapter 13 - Biochar-assisted phytoremediation for heavy metalscontaminated soils -- Chapter 14 - Impact of Changing Abiotic Environment on Photosynthetic Adaptation in Plants -- Chapter 15 -Use of Tissue Culture Methods to Improve Stress Tolerance in Plants --Chapter 16 - Research challenges of sustainable cultivation of important medicinal plants in Oman; Insight into the plant environment interactions based on different climatic zones -- Chapter 17 - Impacts of particulate matter pollution on plants -- Chapter 18 - Physiological approaches to improve the productivity of crops under the climate change conditions -- Chapter 19 - Redesigning root architecture for improved performance of plants under stress -- Chapter 20 - Plant Microbe Interaction in Developing Climate-Resilient Crop Species --Chapter 21 - Traditional and emerging climate-resilient agricultural practices for enhancing food production and nutritional quality. This book provides information about plant-environment studies and challenges for plant improvement to achieve food security. Plants face a wide range of environmental challenges, which are expected to become more intense as a result of global climate change. Plant-environment interactions play an important role in the functioning of ecosystems. There are habitats throughout the world that present challenges to crop plants, such as through a lack of water and excessive, or toxic, salts in the soil. Soil properties represent a strong selection pressure for plant diversity and influence the structure of plant communities and participate to the generation and maintenance of biodiversity. Plant communities selected by environment grow by modifying soil physical. chemical, and biological properties, with consequent effects on survival and growth of plants. The complexity of plant-environment interactions has recently been studied by developing a trait-based approach in which responses and effects of plants on environment were quantified and modeled. This fundamental research on plant-environment interaction in ecosystems is essential to transpose knowledges of functional ecology to environmental management. Plants have adapted to an incredible range of environment, and extensive researches on ecological and environmental plant physiology have provided mechanistic understanding of the survival, distribution, productivity, and abundance of plant species across the diverse climates of our planet. Ecophysiological techniques have greatly advanced our understanding of photosynthesis, respiration, plant water relations, and plant responses to abiotic and biotic stresses, from instantaneous to evolutionary timescales. Ecophysiological studies also provide the basis for scaling plant physiological processes from the tissue to the canopy, ecosystem, region, and to a large extent, the entire globe. Given the above, the author proposes to bring forth a comprehensive book, "New Frontiers in Plant-Environment Interactions", highlighting the various emerging techniques and applications that are currently being used in plant-environment interaction research and its future prospects. The author is sure that this book caters the need of all those who are working or have interest in the above topic.

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