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# Preface to "Advances in Microbial Fermentation Processes"

Fermentation processes are under the spotlight of scientific research in order to improve the quantitative and qualitative properties of the final products. In the food industry, microbial-based fermentation has traditionally been used to obtain edible foods and beverages denoted by extended shelf life and relevant nutritional properties. Furthermore, numerous helpful microorganisms are able to prevent pathogens/spoilers growing and to inactivate undesirable compounds, such as biogenic amines and mycotoxins. Fermented foods can enhance human health by interactions with live microbes (probiotic effect) or indirectly, thanks to the ingestion of microbial metabolites of fermentative origin (biogenic effect).

An incessant investigation concerning microbial diversity is underway, in order to describe and exploit innovative microbial-based biotechnological approaches for the utilization of novel foodstuff to address the current worldwide food crisis. Moreover, numerous micro-organisms have been suggested as cell factories for the synthesis of different desired compounds such as antimicrobial, antioxidants, vitamins and other bioactive molecules, and for use as initial substrate different agro-industrial wastes.

This book, "Advances in Microbial Fermentation Processes", collects the accounts of different investigations concerning the study and the application of new fermentation approaches mediated by microorganisms of industrial interest. In particular, the chapters include innovative studies about the microbial production of valuable compounds: penicillin production by Penicillium chrysogenum under different physiological conditions; the synthesis of GABA using purified recombinant GAD from L. plantarum; the antibiotic biosynthesis in S. clavuligerus strains; and medium-chain fatty acids by using both pure cultures and mixed microbial communities.

Different studies are also reported that investigate the roles of volatile compounds associated with ascomycete/bacteria interaction in fighting plant pathogens, and improving bread and wine quality. Novelties in the microbial-mediated production of a fermented milk-derived food to promote growth in stunted children and of traditional meat-derived foods are also described here. Two interesting chapters show innovative results obtained by the assessment of novel protocols for the production of Saccharomyces cerevisiae and Kluyveromyces marxianus biomasses. The assessment of biodiversity of microbial communities in whole-plant corn silages is included in two different chapters.

This volume contributes to the development of knowledge regarding microbial fermentation processes, by describing the newest applications for the exploitation of microorganism biodiversity in different biotechnological fields.

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