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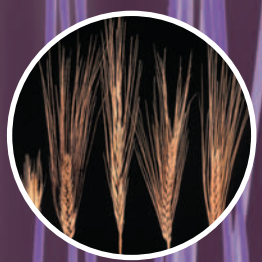

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The journal provides a forum for describing the application of novel genomic technologies, as well as their integration with established techniques, towards the understanding of the genetic variation captured in both *in situ* and *ex situ* collections of crop and non-crop plants; and for the airing of wider issues relevant to plant germplasm conservation and utilisation. We particularly welcome multi-disciplinary approaches that incorporate both a technical and a socio-economic focus.

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