

Monday, 1 July



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10:00-14:00	Optional Excursion to Acropolis Museum and Acropolis
	<b>FOYER</b> MEGARON ATHENS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER
16:00-20:00	Registration
	<b>BANQUET</b>
18:00 -20:00	Opening Ceremony Welcome address
20:00-21:00	Opening Keynote Lectures
20:00-20:30	The effect of climate change on plant protection Dan Bebber
20-30-21:00	Applying chemical ecology for environmentally friendly strategies to control insect pests Walter Leal
21:00	Welcome Reception

Tuesday, 2 July



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		BANQUET	SKALKOTAS	MC2	MC3	CONFERENCE I
Concurrent Session	08:30 - 11:00	<div>1</div> <div>Unlocking the potential of microbiomes for sustainable agriculture</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Novel concepts and approaches in managment of fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Responses of plant genotypes to pathogens and development of novel techniques for improvement of crop resistance to diseases</div>	<div>4A</div> <div>Grapevine trunk diseases</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Vascular wilts</div>
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	11:30-14:00	<div>6A</div> <div>Advances with biopesticides to meet plant protection challenges</div>	<div>7A</div> <div>Understanding pathogen-vector-host interactions in globally important pathosystems</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Networking tools to manage transboundary pests</div>	<div>4B</div> <div>Grapevine trunk diseases</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Incorporating indigenous knowledge into plant protection science</div>
	14:00-15:00	Light Lunch - POSTER SESSION				
	15:00-15:30	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Strategies for developing and implementing digital identification tools</div> <div>Geoff Norton</div>				
	15:30-16:00	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Enabling sustainable agriculture through understanding and enhancement of microbiomes</div> <div>Dr. Victor Carrion</div>				
	16:00-16:30	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Impact and control of transboundary/invasive banana wilt pathogen, Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense</div> <div>Prof. Arie Tsutomu</div>				
	16:30-16:45	Short Break				
	16:45-17:45	<div>6B</div> <div>Advances with biopesticides to meet plant protection challenges</div>	<div>7B</div> <div>Understanding pathogen-vector-host interactions in globally important pathosystems</div>	<div>10A</div> <div>Impact and control of transboundary/invasive pests</div>		
	17:45-18:15	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	18:15-20:45	<div>11</div> <div>Canker disease of fruit, nut and vine crops</div>	<div>7C</div> <div>Understanding pathogen-vector-host interactions in globally important pathosystems</div>	<div>10B</div> <div>Impact and control of transboundary/invasive pests</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Herbicide resistant weeds - A global perspective</div>	<div>13</div> <div>New advances and technologies for postharvest diseases control</div>

Scientific Program

Wednesday, 3 July



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Concurrent Session	08:30 - 11:00	<div>14</div> <div>Microbiomes and their role in plant pathology</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Components of IRM programs in an IPM framework</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Diseases in tree crops and forests</div>	<div>17</div> <div>NLR guided strategies for durable disease resistance in crop plants</div>	<div>18A</div> <div>Fungicide resistance: diagnosis, risk assessment and management, Integrated pest management</div>
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	11:30-14:00	<div>19</div> <div>Plant Health research coordination: an international endeavor</div>	<div>20A</div> <div>Biopesticides and biofertilizers</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Advances in nematodes research and plant protection</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Management of biological Invasions in a changing world</div>	<div>18B</div> <div>Fungicide resistance: diagnosis, risk assessment and management, Integrated pest management</div>
	14:00-15:00	Light Lunch - POSTER SESSION				
	15:00-15:30	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Molecular diagnostics for rational use of pesticides and resistance management of agricultural pests</div> <div>Prof. John Vontas</div>				
	15:30-16:00	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Microbial pesticides: Discovery, piloting and scaling up in Africa</div> <div>Dr. Sunday Ekesi</div>				
	16:00-16:30	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Cross-kingdom RNA trafficking between plants and fungal pathogens</div> <div>Hailing Jin</div>				
	16:30-17:30	<div>Satellite Symposium BASF</div> <div>Axalion active: redefining modern sustainable piercing &amp; sucking insect control</div>				
	17:30-18:00	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	18:00-20:30	<div>23</div> <div>Plant health phytiatry</div>	<div>20B</div> <div>Biopesticides and biofertilizers</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Emergent forest diseases in a changing and Interconnected world</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Emerging pests with relation plant biosecurity and food safety</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Environmental fate, ecotoxicology, risk assessment, and remediation of pesticide residues</div>

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Concurrent Session	08:30 - 11:00	<div>27A</div> Biological control of insect pests	<div>28</div> Sustainable mycotoxin management in a climate change future	<div>29A</div> Improving resistance - key to meet future challenges - Plant Breeding	<div>30</div> Microbial interactions in ecosystems: negative or positive consequences on plant health	<div>14<sup>th</sup> IVS</div> <div>1</div> Recent Advances in Verticillium Biology through Genomics
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	11:30-14:00	<div>27B</div> Biological control of insect pests	<div>31</div> Challenges and opportunities in implementing IPM in Africa	<div>29B</div> Improving resistance - key to meet future challenges - Plant Breeding	<div>32</div> Eco-epidemiological and pathobiome perspectives on diseases caused by mycotoxigenic fungi	<div>14<sup>th</sup> IVS</div> <div>2</div> Recent Advances in Verticillium wilt Management
	14:00-15:00	Light Lunch - POSTER SESSION				
	15:00-15:30	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Food security in Africa needs policy support for sustainable plant health management</div> <div>Prof. Christian Borgemeister</div>				
	15:30-16:00	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Weed Management Challenges and Opportunities to Close Yield and Profitability Gaps in Smallholder Rice Production in Asia</div> <div>Virender Kumar</div>				
	16:00-16:30	<div>Plenary Lecture</div> <div>Coordinated approach for transboundary plant pest and disease management</div> <div>Fazil Dusunceli</div>				
	16:30-17:00	<div>Satellite Lecture SYNGENTA</div> <div>How Biologicals can support the transition to Regenerative Agriculture systems</div>				
	17:00-17:30	<div>Satellite Lecture CORTEVA</div> <div>Reklemel active: a novel tool for integrated nematode management – key learnings from a global nematicide development project</div>				
	17:30-18:00	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	18:00-20:30	<div>33</div> Unveiling Nature’s Arsenal: The Role of Volatile Compounds in Plant Protection	<div>34</div> Advances in biosecurity measures for emerging and invasive pests	<div>35</div> Chemical ecology and biological control	<div>36</div> Challenges in sustainable plant disease management in a changing climate	<div>14<sup>th</sup> IVS</div> <div>3</div> Recent Advances in Verticillium - plant interaction

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Concurrent Session	08:30 - 11:00	<b>37A</b> Recent advances in plant virology	<b>38</b> Precision agriculture and remote sensing for future plant pest and disease management	<b>39</b> Prevention and sustainable management of transboundary plant pests	<b>40A</b> Recent advances in vegetable IPM	<b>14<sup>th</sup> IVS</b> <b>4</b> Biological Control of Verticillium wilt pathogens
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	11:30-14:00	<b>37B</b> Recent advances in plant virology	<b>41A</b> Selected highlights in plant protection	<b>42</b> Biological plant protection	<b>40B</b> Recent advances in vegetable IPM	<b>43</b> Approach to integrated soil and plant health assessments in IPM systems
	14:00-15:00	Light Lunch - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	15:00-17:30	<b>44</b> Plant protection products	<b>41B</b> Selected highlights in plant protection	<b>45</b> Xylella fastidiosa	<b>46</b> Post-harvest pest and disease management	<b>47</b> Molecular Plant Microbe Interactions
	17:30-18:00	Coffee Break - POSTER SESSION				
Concurrent Session	18:00-20:30	<b>48</b> Phytoplasmas and Viroids in world agriculture	<b>49</b> Endophytes as bioinsecticides	<b>50</b> Tropical pest management - challenges in the post-Covid world	<b>51</b> Interactions between plant protection and pollinators	<b>52</b> Frost damage mitigation strategies for crops
	20:30-21:30	Closing Ceremony				