





## Instituto Valenciano de Investigaciones Agrarias (IVIA) More than 300 people at the service of our farmers

Research, Experimentation, Innovation, Techology transfer





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### Public Research Institute at the service of the agri-food sector

- 7 Research Centers (Moncada, Segorbe, Sueca)
  - Plant Protection and Biotechnology
    - Bacteriology Unit
    - > Mycology Unit
  - > Agricultural Engineering
  - Citriculture and Crop Production
  - Genomics
  - Postharvest Technology
  - Sustainable Agriculture
  - Livestock Technology









# **Plant protection**

- > Quarantine, sanitation, certification of plant material
- Biological control
- Integrated Pest Management
- Prevention: bacteria, viruses, phytoplasms
- Epidemiology
- Diagnosis (tools)
- Improvement of quarantine protocols for exportation









# **Agricultural Engineering**

- > Automatic quality assessment
  - > Early detection of rottenness in citrus
  - > Internal quality assessment
  - Real time fruit monitoring trhough computer vision

#### > Agricultural mechanization

- > Reduction of environmental impact of pesticide treatments
- Citrus harvest
- > Yield estimation
- > In field quality assessment







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# **Citriculture and Plant Production**

- > New plant material for increasing diversification and guarantee economic and environmental sustainability.
  - > More adapted to climate change
  - > Natural resistance to pests
  - Better organoleptic characteristics
  - Longer shelf life
  - Adapted to a evolving market
  - > To be used in organic farming
  - Recuperation of traditional cultures... and tastes!







## Genomics

- > New genomic based technologies for new plant materials and for plant authentification
- > New citrus and rice varieties







# Sustainable agriculture

- Reduction of barriers to organic farming
  - ➤ fertilization
  - Soil biological quality
- > Use of organic materials for fertilization
- > Water, soil and nitrogen fertilization under climate change
- Preventing phytotoxicity and salinity stresses









# Irrigation technology

- > New technologies to improve irrigation efficacy
- > Consultancy, diffusion, technology transfer, training
- Use of water, water saving
- > Water needs











## Post-harvest

- > Maximizing shelf life of the fruits for fresh consumption ensuring physicochemical and nutritional quality
- > Edible coatings for fresh fruit and combined strategies for minimally processed products
- Integrated management of postharvest diseases











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Research and technology for livestock

- Animal Breeding and Genetics
- > Technical and economic management of rabbit farms
- Eco-friendly solutions
- Rational use of by-products for animal feed
- > Reducing emissions to the environment by dietary changes
- > Scientific support for animal welfare regulations









### ➢ Main facilities

#### Labs in Agricultural Engineering Centre

- > Laboratory of sensors and computer vision with software and equipment for image processing
- > Different cameras and spectrometers: multispectral, hyperspectral, thermal, colour, NIR...

### Labs in Bacteriology Unit

- > Two laboratories for general (conventional, serological and molecular) microbiological techniques
- P2 security laboratory
- Room for post-PCR processing
- Room with two centrifuges
- > Epifluorescence microscope, real-time PCR thermocyclers, transilluminators for gel visualization, autoclaves for sterilization
- Greenhouses facilities

### Labs in Mycology Unit

- Laboratory of biostatistics
- Laboratory of mycology

#### Experimental fields

> None

#### Accomodation

> None at IVIA but high offer near in Valencia





### > Main activities on *Xylella fastidiosa* in Agricultural Engineering Centre

- ➢ Projects
  - > POnTE:
    - > No Activities on Xf
  - > XF-ACTORS
    - Task 3B
      - > Investigate detectability of Xf from leaf level up to the plant level in the lab using spectrometry
      - Build and deploy ground vehicles in field sites to repeatedly scan plants whose Xf infection levels are monitored with remote sensing technology (image and laser scanning)
      - > Analyse the data for an integrated analysis of the detectability of physiological effects of *Xf* at the plant level under real field conditions
    - Task 4A
      - > Collaborate in the implantation in Spain of the application XylApp developed by IAMB





### > Main activities on Xylella fastidiosa in Plant Protection Centre (Bacteriology)

#### Projects

> POnTE:

> No Activities on Xf

#### > XF-ACTORS

- Task 6
  - > Xf control by newly selected and existing phage cocktails





### > Main activities on Xylella fastidiosa in Plant Protection Centre (Mycology Unit)

### ➢ Projects

> POnTE:

- > WP8 Plant disease risk assessment and support for plant health decision-making
- Task 8a: Development of quantitative pathway models for assessment of the risk of plant pest and disease introduction with plant trade
- > Task 8b: Development of quantitative models for assessing pest/disease spread over the European territory

#### > XF-ACTORS

- > Lead WP8 Regional risk assessment to anticipate the threat and impacts of *Xf* diseases
- > Task 8.3 Modelling of Xf subsp. pauca spread, surveillance and management
- > Task 8.4 Risk management and optimal strategies for *Xf* eradication





#### Main activities on Xylella fastidiosa. Research activities

#### > <u>Agricultural Engineering Centre</u>

- Sensorised ground vehicles for automated field monitoring
- > On board remote sensing systems for early detection of Xf
- Crop structure analysis through 2D laser scanning

#### <u>Centro de Protección Vegetal y Biotecnología (Bacteriology Unit)</u>

- > Isolation of bacteriophages against *Xf* from different sources
- <u>Centro de Protección Vegetal y Biotecnología (Mycology Unit)</u>
  - Disease mapping
  - > Crop and climatic maps
  - > Hierarchical Bayesian models including spatial components
  - > Network and epidemiological networks of potential plant disease introductions

