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Invasive Pathogens: Threat for Food Production & Biodiversity

Research, Regulation & Integrated Management

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Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Includes Course Materials,
Lunch, Tea Breaks & Certificate of Attendance



- Update yourself on the latest scientific developments regarding invasive pathogens and how these could be a major threat to plant health, food production and biodiversity.
- Learn state-of-the-art research nursery developed in California, USA, and how this can be translated to Mauritius. Participants will be exposed to pathogen research, regulation and integrated management.

Course Content

Role of invasive pathogens for plant health
Risk assessment for invasive pathogens
Morphological, serological and DNA-based detection
Role of trade & tourism in invasive pathogens spread
Case studies from USA and Europe
Sudden Oak Death
Phytoplasmas of grape vine and fruit trees in Central and Southern Europe: lesions for the sugarcane industry?
The National Ornamentals Research Site, CA
Bio-safety and containment
Regulated quarantine organisms
The role of 'citizen-scientists': lesions from the SOD-Blitz
Practical solutions: monitoring; chemical, physical and biological control
Outlook for Mauritius: Possible risks & Pro-active measurements

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