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## **Innovations for Sustainable Crop Production** in the Mediterranean Region

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## Innovations for Sustainable Crop Production in the Mediterranean Region

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the first edition of the international conference "Innovations for Sustainable Crop Production in the Mediterranean Region".

The event will take place at the Main Lecture Hall "Gian Pietro Ballatore" of the Department of Agricultural, Food and Forest Sciences (SAAF), University of Palermo, from 12th to 13th July 2023. Agriculture is an economic sector of the utmost importance, as it can meet the food needs of a growing world population and generate income.

However, the application of high-input agricultural techniques in recent decades has led to a decline in soil fertility, an increase in desertification, excessive pressure on water resources, an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, unsustainable use of non-renewable energy resources and a loss of biodiversity.

Agriculture thus contributes to climate change but is also

itself vulnerable to its effects. Therefore, innovations in production methods are needed to increase the sustainability of agricultural production. The goal of the conference is to define the state of the art in terms of environmental impacts in agriculture and to promote possible innovations to increase the sustainability of agricultural products. The event will be focused on tree fruits, crops, protected horticulture and plant protection.

The programme is divided into five thematic sessions:

Emerging and re-emerging plant diseases in a context of climate change

In particular, the results of the INTESA project (Italy-Tunisia 2014-2020) "Innovation in technologies to support the sustainable development of agribusiness" will be presented in the 5th session.

The Scientific Committee is chaired by Prof. Tiziano Caruso, assisted by national and international scientists. Each session will be introduced by an invited keynote speaker. Registration and abstract submissions available - We look forward to seeing you in Palermo!!

Enhancement of Water Resources and Food Safety

Economic aspects, sustainable crop production and Consumption Models

> Sustainable greenhouse production systems for vegetable crops

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