



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
**PLANT HEALTH**  
2020



Web Symposium on  
Plant Health  
December, 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

## PROGRAMME

- 09:00 **Opening of Symposium**  
Chairpersons: **Enrico Pè**, SIGA President, **Francesco Pennacchio**, SEI President,  
**Pierdomenico Perata**, SIBV President, **Massimo Reverberi**, SIPAV Vice-President
- Introduction**  
**Mirko Montuori**, FAO  
REFLECTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANT HEALTH
- 9:30 Invited Lecture of **Plant Biology**  
**Giulia De Lorenzo**, University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy  
UNDERSTANDING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM OF PLANTS TO PROTECT THEM FROM DISEASE
- 10:15 Invited Lecture of **Agricultural Genetics**  
**Beat Keller**, University of Zurich, Switzerland  
GENETIC AND GENOMIC APPROACHES TO IMPROVE DISEASE RESISTANCE IN CROP PLANTS
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:15 Invited Lecture of **Plant Pathology**  
**Bart Thomma**, University of Cologne, Germany  
MICROBIOME MANIPULATION BY A FUNGAL PLANT PATHOGEN USING EFFECTOR PROTEINS
- 12:00 Invited Lecture of **Entomology**  
**Francesco Pennacchio**, University of Napoli Federico II, Italy  
INSECTS AS INTERACTING METAORGANISMS: NEW INSIGHTS FOR CROP PROTECTION
- 12:45 Plenary discussion
- 13:00 Presentation of the Satellite Web Meeting “**Young Scientists for Plant Health**” and closing of Symposium