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**Capacity Building and Raising Awareness in Europe
and in Third Countries to Cope with *Xylella fastidiosa* – “CURE-XF”**



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

1st REGIONAL TRAINING

**“XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA:
DIAGNOSIS, CONTROL, AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES”**

Lebanon, 1-7 July 2019

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After the success of its 1st **International Summer School**, the CURE-XF project (<http://www.cure-xf.eu/>) is pleased to announce its 1st **Regional Training** on: “*Xylella fastidiosa* – diagnosis, control, and management measures”.

The Regional Training is jointly organised by **CIHEAM Bari (Italy)** as Coordinator of **CURE-XF**, the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute - **LARI (Lebanon)** and The Order of Engineers and Architects – Beirut, The Branch of Agricultural Engineers at **OEA (Lebanon)**, in collaboration with the Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – **FAO**.

The 1st **Regional Training** objectives are:

- Providing basic scientific knowledge and practical experiences on different aspects underlining the complex pathogen-hosts-vectors interactions;
- Promoting research capacity building in Third Countries;
- Raising awareness on the emerging threats posed by *Xylella fastidiosa*;
- Supporting pest risk assessment.

The **programme** will include lectures and practical sessions on:

- Biology (host range and symptomatology) and genetics;
- Diagnosis and strain characterization (isolation and culturing, serological and innovative molecular approaches);
- Novel applications to support monitoring programs and surveys;
- Identification of insect vectors and monitoring approaches.

Target audience

Agriculture Engineers, Plant Pathologists, Entomologists, Phytosanitary Inspectors and Risk Managers coming from Lebanon and other Arab countries and dealing with plant diseases.

Number of participants and training organization

A total of 150 participants will benefit from the training. The first 3 days of theoretical lectures (English language) will be open to all of them (only afternoon sessions from 2:00 to 6:00 pm); then, 30-40 participants will be admitted to take part in 2 days of lab work and 2 more days of field activities (also in Arabic language).

The course will take place from 1 to 7 July 2019 at the Order of Engineers and Architects – Beirut (Lebanon) for the theoretical part, and at the premises of LARI for the technical part.

Registration will be free of charge for all participants.

Non Lebanese participants will have to cover their own travel costs, as well as board and lodging expenses and insurance.

The application deadline is **2 June 2019** and complete applications must be sent through this link:

<https://forms.gle/SV6hwYGvRgCCJvuR8>

Selected candidates will be announced by **early June**.

For more detailed information, please contact Silvia Centonze (curexf@iamb.it).

Applications should include:

- Application form (<https://forms.gle/SV6hwYGvRgCCJvuR8>);
- Short *Curriculum vitae*;
- Motivation letter for participating in the Regional Training, which should indicate the academic/professional status of the applicant;
- Reference letter from the applicant’s supervisor or employer;
- Financial support justification (for non-Lebanese participants)

We would appreciate if you could forward this announcement via e-mail to colleagues or young researchers who may be interested in participating. More information available soon at www.cure-xf.eu