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**LET'S REFRESH PLANT HEALTH SCIENCE!**  
**At CIHEAM Bari on 21 June, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**  
**The Young Researchers' Happy Hour**

*The Young Researchers' Happy Hour* will be hosted at CIHEAM Bari Campus on 21 June (from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm). The event is organised by the Italian Institute of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM Bari), the Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative (PBRI-Australia) and the Euphresco Network, as part of FAO's High-Level Meeting on Transboundary Plant Pest and Disease Management Strategy in the NENA Region.

Nowadays, research activities should take centre stage as they provide the knowledge needed to understand the threats and develop the fundamental tools for facing plant health challenges.

To raise public awareness of International Plant Health Day 2023, increase the visibility of plant health research activities, reach out to non-scientific communities and "connect" plant health people and organisations from around the world, CIHEAM Bari, PBRI-Australia and the Euphresco Network have launched the *Plant Health TV video competition: Promoting the importance of plant health research*, inviting MSc and PhD students, young plant health researchers from the PBRI Plant Health Student Network and the CIHEAM Bari Alumni Network (FTN), to submit a short video (up to 90 seconds) on a plant health related topic.

The Young Researchers' Happy Hour, moderated by science journalist Maurizio Menicucci, will introduce a conversation on how research can provide solutions to address plant health emergencies. High-level experts will focus on capacity building for strengthening plant health research, the need for global research coordination, and research in international cooperation.

Speakers will include Biagio Di Terlizzi, Deputy Director of CIHEAM Bari, Jo Luck, PBRI Australia, Anna Maria D'Onghia, CIHEAM Bari, Baldissera Giovani, Euphresco Network.

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Rebecca Degnan, PBRI's Plant Health Student Network, and Nouredin Driouech, coordinator of CIHEAM Bari's Alumni Network will also participate to outline the prospects for future plant health research.

The video shot by Shery-Ann Brown, *Defeating Food Scarcity: Beetworm Management in Jamaica*, winner of the 2021 contest, will be presented during the event. The three best videos from this year's contest will also be announced and FAO's out-of-competition video: *Fall Armyworm: A Little Monster* will be broadcast.

To attend the event online, you can register at: <https://events.iamb.it/p/event/sidevent>

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