



Announcement

European Plant Science Organisation
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EPSO members are invited to join the EPSO Working Groups

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EPSO members start and coordinate EPSO Working Groups to collaborate on science advancement, networking, strategy and provide science advice to policy.

The current EPSO Working Groups are listed hereafter.

To become member of an EPSO WG, EPSO members discuss in their organisation and inform Karin Metzloff and the co-chairs of that WG that they wish to join this WG by providing the name, function in the institute, 1-3 keywords on the expertise and contact details. We suggest that 1-2 expert scientists per member organisation join a WG relevant to them.

Active working groups:

- [Agricultural Technologies](#) - lead [Frank Hartung](#), [Ralf Wilhelm](#) and [Jens Sundstrom](#)
 - 5th EPSO informal science and policy meeting, online, 4.11.2021
 - 6 monthly meetings – next online 23.11.2021
 - EMBO / EPSO IP GE workshop, Heidelberg, 19-21.1.2021
- [Plants and microbiomes](#) - lead [Angela Sessitsch](#), [Paul Schulze-Lefert](#) and [Corne Pieterse](#)
 - Next meeting online end Jan / Feb 2022
- [Nutritional Security](#) - lead [Angelo Santino](#), [Monika Schreiner](#) and [Chiara Tonelli](#)
 - Next workshop in Lecce / IT, 26-27.5.2022
 - Include **Plant and Animal research** - lead [Odd Arne Rognli](#), [Iain Donnison](#) and Alison Kingston-Smith
- [Tree and forest biology and biotechnology](#) - lead [Ivan Scotti](#), [Berthold Heinze](#) and [Roger Hellens](#)
 - Next meeting online soon
- [Outreach and Public Dialogue](#) – PR Network - lead [Alexandra Barnoux](#)
 - Join the EPSO PR network and collaborate with Alexandra to mutually support dissemination and communication
 - Organise an interactive event in your region / country **around the 18 May 2022** – the 6th Fascination of Plants Day
 - Online meeting 24.11.2021
- New: [Future Proofed Crops](#) – lead [Christine Raines](#), [Andreas Weber](#), [Francesco Loreto](#), [Alain Gojon](#), [René Klein Lankhorst](#)

New starting end 2021:

- **Plant Health** - lead [Beat Keller](#), [Tina Romeis](#), [Maria Jose Pozo](#) , [Gian Paolo Accotto](#) and [Andreas Voloudakis](#)

Sleeping, will be reactivated

- **Horticulture** - lead [Eckhard George](#) and [Anja Dieleman](#)
- **Global Plant Research / Developing Countries** - lead [Charlie Spillane](#), [Jean-Christophe Glaszmann](#), [Emmanuel Guiderdoni](#) and [Festo Massawe](#)
- **Molecular farming** TF - lead [Stefan Schillberg](#) , [Kirsi-Marja Oksman-Caldentey](#) and [Eva Stoeger](#)

Membership in EPSO WGs is restricted to experts from EPSO Institutional members. Others can apply to become and observer of a WG.

Looking forward to collaborating with you in our Working Groups
Karin Metzloff and Alan Schulman

Karin Metzloff, EPSO Executive Director) & Alan Schulman (EPSO President)

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Useful links

EPSO Working Groups: <https://epsoweb.org/working-groups/>
EPSO breaking news: <https://epsoweb.org>
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About EPSO

EPSO, the European Plant Science Organisation, is an independent academic organisation that represents around 200 research institutes, departments and universities from 32 countries, mainly from Europe, and 2.300 individuals Personal Members, representing over 26 000 people working in plant science. EPSO's mission is to improve the impact and visibility of plant science in Europe, to provide authoritative source of independent information on plant science including science advice to policy, and to promote training of plant scientists to meet the 21st century challenges in breeding, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, plant ecology and sectors related to plant science. <https://epsoweb.org> | EU Transparency Register Number 38511867304-09