











2nd RECROP Annual Meeting - COST Action CA22157

Climate-Proof Crop Reproduction:

from lab to farm

Day 1: May 13, 2025	
Time	Event
9:30-13:00	Registration KEDEA building, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
10:00-12:30	MC member meeting (only MC members allowed)
12:30-13:00	Welcome Coffee
13:00-13:30	Welcome and RECROP COST Introduction (Sotirios Fragkostefanakis)
13:30-14:10	Keynote Speaker Anja Geitmann (McGill University, Canada)
14:10-18:00	Session 1: Plant Reproduction Under Abiotic Stresses Chairs: Michal Lieberman-Lazarovich & Ariola Bacu
14:10-14:30	Thomas Dresselhaus (Germany) Abiotic stresses affect vegetative and reproductive development in maize differently
14:30-14:50	Helene Robert Boisivon (Czech Republic) <i>Unraveling the process of thermoregulation during the seed development in Brassica napus</i>
14:50-15:10	Natasa Cerekovic (Bosnia Herzegovina) Reproductive stage sensitivity of maize to water and temperature stress across two distinct pedoclimatic regions in Bosnia and Herzegovina
15:10-16:00	Coffee Break & Poster Session I
16:00-16:20	Marta A. Mendes (Italy) Regulation of Ovule Number and Fertility by DRM Methyltransferases During Drought Stress
16:20-16:40	Petra Prochazkova Schrumpfova (Czech Republic) From Gametophytes to Sporophytes: Investigating Plant Motif Distribution with GOLEM
16:40–17:00	David Honys (Czech Republic) The role of eIF3 in the control of pollen tube growth and thermotolerance













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17:00-17:20	Konstantinos Vlachonasios (Greece) Histone Acetyltransferase GCN5 and the Associated Coactivators ADA2 - From Evolution of the SAGA Complex to the Biological Roles in Plants
17:20-17:40	Jan Fila (Czech Republic) Unveiling the molecular function of the nascent polypeptide-associated complex subunit beta in Arabidopsis thaliana
17:40-17:45	Alison Tidy (UK) Large scale phenotyping looking at temperature stress on reproduction in Brassica diversity set
17:45-17:50	Golan Miller (Israel) Heat stress response in commercial tomato varieties – from lab to farm
17:50-17:55	Stylianos Poulios (Greece) The Arabidopsis thaliana SPATULA, CLAVATA1 and GCN5 genes interact to regulate gene expression and gynoecium development
17:55-18:30	Poster Session
20.00	OPENING EVENT @ OMILOS BAR RESTAURANT

Day 2: May 14, 2025	
Time	Event
09:00 - 13:10	Session 2: Abiotic Stress Sensing, Signalling, and Response Chairs: Marta Mendes & Konstantinos Vlachonasios
09:00 - 09:40	Keynote Speaker: John H. Doonan (Aberystwyth University, UK) High Throughput Phenotyping for Weather-Resilient Crop Development at the National Plant Phenomics Centre, Aberystwyth
09:40 - 10:00	Natasa Lukic (Bosnia Herzegovina) Biochemical and molecular adaptations of two wheat genotypes to waterlogging stress and recovery
10:00 - 10:20	Muriel Quinet (Belgium) Exploring orphan crops and crop wild relatives to improve agricultural resilience to climate change
10:20-10:40	Artemis Perraki (France) Unravelling the role of CaM/CMLs in early pollen development
10:40-10:45	Shani Doron (Israel) Two opposing redox signals mediated by 2-Cys Prx shape the redox proteome during the photosynthetic induction phase
10:45-10:50	Meenakshi Kanwar (India) The Curious Case of a Class C HSF in Pisum sativum (Garden Pea): A Molecular Enigma
10:50-11:30	Coffee Break & Poster Session II













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11:30 - 11:50	Avilien Dard (Belgium) Surfing the ROS wave: HDA6s journey from chromatin to cytosolic stress granules. Unveiling redox-regulation of protein phase separation during heat stress.
11:50 - 12:10	Usman Khalid Chaudhry (Turkey) Investigation of different colored carrot cultivars in response to single and combination of drought and heat stresses
12:10-12:30	Francesca Resentini (Italy) Mitochondrial Calcium Signaling in Plants: Insights into Stress Response Mechanisms
12:30 - 12:35	Rafail Gritzas (France) Investigating the role of SERK1 co-receptor in regulating plant response to temperature elevations
12:35-12:40	Bianca Maria Orlando Marchesano (Italy) Development of the Adult Plant Projective Imaging (APPI) System: Democratizing Imaging for Non-Model Plants
12:40-12:45	Anna Velliou (Greece) The effects of Dynamic Controlled Atmosphere in physiological and quality traits of Hayward kiwifruit during cold storage
12:45-14:00	Lunch Break

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14:00-15:50	Session 3: Biotechnology, Gene editing and Systems Biology Approaches to Decipher Crop Resilience Chairs: Antonio Granell & Olha Lakhneko
14:00-14:40	Keynote Speaker: Francesca Desiderio (CREA – Research Centre for Genomics and Bioinformatics, Italy) Combining genomic and phenotyping approaches to study the genetic diversity for drought resilience in durum wheat
14:50-15:00	Panagiotis Kalaitzis (Greece) A tomato prolyl 4 hydroxylase 3 and Fascilin-like Arabinogalactan proteins 1 and 2 are involved in tomato abscission
15:00-15:20	Thomas Roitsch (Denmark) Determination of metabolic biosignatures by cell physiological phenotyping to assess predictors of crop resilience and improve the lab to field translation
15:20-15:25	Christina Skodra (Greece) Decoding the molecular basis of superficial scald development in apples using a multiomics and functional approach
15:25-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:05	Special RECROP Session: Antonio Granell (Spain) HarnesstomDB v1.0: A Comprehensive Multi-Omics Resource for Tomato Genetic Diversity

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16:05-16:25	Musa Kavas (Turkey) Increase of Lateral Roots in Tomato Plants Using Crispr-Combo Technology
16:25-16:45	Adi Avni (Israel) Bio-Sensors for Precision Agriculture
16:45-17:10	Coffee Break
17:10-18:35	Session 4: Chemical Priming and Modern Practices for Increased Crop Yields in Challenging Environments Chairs: Vassilis Fotopoulos & Jan Fila
17:10 – 17:30	George Manganaris (Cyprus) The application of priming agents as a stress alleviation strategy to combat abiotic conditions in soft fruit crops
17:30 – 17:50	Maria Angeles Pedreno (Spain) Plant cell culture-based biostimulants alleviate salinity stress in tomato seeds
17:50 – 18:10	Stefan Simm (Germany) Fertilizer optimization using XAI
18:10 - 18:30	Soofia Khanahmadi (Germany) Elucidating Pattern-Dependent Interactions, Immunomodulatory Roles, and Bioactivity Mechanisms of Chitooligosaccharides in Plants
18:30 - 18:35	Filipa Sousa (Portugal) Enhancing chestnut plants' climate resilience: a stress priming approach
20:30	Conference Dinner

Day 3: May 15, 2025	
Time	Event
09:00-13:30	Session 5: Breeding for Climate Resilience Crops Chairs: Aleksandra Radanovic & Ifigeneia Mellidou
09:00-09:40	Keynote Speaker: Avraham A. Levy (Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel) New breeding technologies and applications for vertical farming in tomato
09:40-10:00	Ueli Grossniklaus (Switzerland) The Potential Contribution of Orphan Crops to a More Climate-Resilient Agriculture
10:00-10:20	Guillaume Ramstein (Denmark) Detecting effects of protein-coding variants by 3D structure prediction: application in a maize nested association mapping panel
10:20-10:25	Jurica Duvnjak (Croatia) Influence of light and increased temperatures on the photosynthetic parameters and grain yield of winter wheat varieties over two growing seasons
10:25-10:30	Salvatore Graci (Spain) Advancing Tomato Breeding for Heat Tolerance: Development of Resilient Hybrids for Climate Change Adaptation













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10:30-10:35	Recep Irfan Nazli (Turkey) Evaluation of bioenergy and forage production potential of sweet sorghum (Sorghum bicolor L. Moench) inbred lines in a semi-arid Mediterranean environment
10:35-10:40	Rada Sucur (Serbia) Evaluation of Resistance Genes in Wheat Cultivars Against Major Pathogens Under Abiotic Stress Conditions
10:40-11:30	Coffee Break – Poster Session
11:30-11:50	Liljana Kuzmanovic (Italy) Metabolomic profiling provides insights into pistil adaptation to heat stress in durum wheat lines carrying segmental introgressions from the wild grass Thinopyrum ponticum
11:50-12:10	Aleksandra Radanovic (Serbia) Molecular Pathways to Resilience: A Dive into Sunflower Drought Tolerance
12:10-12:30	Faheem Shehzad Baloch (Turkey) Image Analysis-Driven High-Throughput Phenotyping and Genome-Wide Association Studies for Mapping some Agronomic Traits in Buckwheat
12:30-12:50	Velimir Mladenov (Serbia) Approaches in modern corn breeding with reducing anthesis-silking interval (ASI) and ClimaPannonia presentation
12:50-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00	Special RECROP section: Stakeholders meet Researchers
15:00-16:00	Young Researchers – Round Table Discussion
16:00-17:00	Closing Remarks

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