

Snails (*Helix aspersa*) infested with *Phytophthora citrophora* were widely distributed in clementine tree canopies, and 10 days after distribution, symptoms appeared and the pathogen was isolated from trees report L. A. Alvarez and associates at the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain. (Plant Pathol. 58:956-963, 2009)

At high soil pH, soybean cyst nematodes had high population densities, and density was related more to pH than to the CaCO₃ equivalent report N. P. Rogovska and associates at Iowa State University. (Agron. J. 101:1019-1026, 2009)

Melon and watermelon seeds treated with acidic electrolyzed water for 30 minutes eradicated *Acidovorax avenae* without affecting germination or seedlings report J. Feng and associates at China Agricultural University, Beijing; California Seed and Plant Laboratory, Elverta; USDA-ARS, Fort Detrick. (Can. J. Plant Pathol. 31:180-185, 2009)

To help breeders select the most durable resistance genes, a model predicting potential durability of resistance genes as a function of selective constraints applied on corresponding avirulence factors is proposed by B. Janzac and associates at INRA, Montfavet, France. (Mol. Plant Pathol. 10:599-610, 2009)

Potentilla reptans is an alternative host for aphid-transmitted Strawberry crinkle virus and Strawberry mild yellow edge virus report D. Yohalem and associates at East Malling Research, UK. (J. Phytopathol. 157:646-648, 2009)

The microbial community was more diverse in roots of *Pinus sylvestris* with slow damping-off progression (14 species) than in roots with fast disease progression (7 species) report H. Kwasna at Poznan University, Poland, and G. L. Bateman at Rothamsted Research, UK. (For. Pathol. 39:239-248, 2009)

The *xrvA* gene in *Xanthomonas oryzae* encodes a regulatory factor for virulence in rice report J.-X. Feng and associates at Guangxi University, China, and National University of Ireland. (Microbiology 155:3033-3044, 2009)

Mixtures of rhizosphere and endophytic bacteria applied to banana induce resistance to Banana bunchy top virus report S. Harish and associates at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India. (Biol. Control 51:16-25, 2009)

Within the *Neofusicoccum parvum*-*N. ribis* complex, *N. cordaticola*, *N. kwambonambiense*, and *N. umdonicola* were identified, all pathogenic to *Syzygium cordatum*, report D. Pavlic and associates at University of Pretoria, South Africa. (Mycologia 101:636-647, 2009)

Forty-eight of 103 cultivars of apple shoots inoculated with *Erwinia amylovora* were highly resistant to fireblight report A. Martinez-Bilbao and associates at Universidad Publico Navarra, NEIKER-Tecnalia, and Universidad Gerona, Spain. (HortScience 44:1223-1227, 2009)

Plots treated with 1,3-dichloropropene (gel cap and liquid formulations) to control soilborne diseases and nematodes yielded significantly more than controls report Q. Wang and associates at Chinese Academy Agricultural Sciences and Institute for Control of Agrochemicals, Beijing, China. (J. Agric. Food Chem. DOI: 10.1021/jf901217u)