

FULLPROPOSAL

#### **PROJECT TITLE**

Developing Apple Pest control strategies through an Integrated agro-ecosystem approach

### ΤΟΡΙΟ

Topic A2: Integrated, sustainable and resilient Cropping systems (RESCROPS)

#### YOUR PROJECT IS RELATED TO

Topic B1: Innovative direct biological control methods in holistic IPM approach (INDIBICOM-IPM)

### **PROJECT DURATION**

TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING 812.627 €

#### **TOTAL COSTS** 978.979 €

36 Months

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# KEYWORDS

Pre-defined keywords	Integrated, sustainable, resilient, systems, pests
Supplementary keywords	orchard system, natural enemies, habitat management, plant diversity, co-design

## PARTNER DATA

### Partner 1 (Consortium Coordinator): Institut national de la recherche agronomique

#### **FINANCE COMMENTS**

Personnel	Non permanent staff -Technical assistance for field work, 7 p.month -Assistant for evaluation & coordination, 16.5 p.month Master2 degree trainees, $4 \times 6$ months & technical trainees
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, field trips, 24k€/15 permanent staff
Consumables / Equipment	Experimental orchard inputs & management $13.5k \in$ , experimental costs 20 k $\in$ for monitoring, lab and data analysis (included 4k $\in$ molecular biology & 3k $\in$ biochemical analyses); desk expenses for non permanent staff 2k $\in$ , meeting organisation (as coordinator) 1k $\in$ ; publication costs 0.5k $\in$
Subcontracts	Expertises $1k \in$ (multicriteria assessment), laboratory analyses (plant samples) & insect identification $3k \in$
Other	

#### TASK(S)

INRA coordinates the project, having long-term collaborations with most of the project partners. The three INRA teams will contribute to design and implement resilient apple orchards with focus on push/pull plant assemblages, optimized tree nutrition, conservation of natural enemies and release of parasitoids. Contribution also includes analyses of tree nutrient status and plant volatiles emissions, pest predation assessment and ant diversion. INRA leads the task WP4 on multicriteria assessment.

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#### **ADDITIONAL FIELDS**

Organisation acronym	INRA
Funding agency	MAAF

### Partner 2: University of Copenhagen

#### FINANCE COMMENTS

Personnel	-Technical assistance for field & lab work, 2 p.month (+1.5 co-financed) -Post doc 12 p.month -Senior scientist: research and general coordination, 2 p.month (+2 cofinanced)
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, 4k€
Consumables / Equipment	Experimental orchard inputs, lab equipment, desk costs for non-permanent staff 18k€
Subcontracts	
Other	

### TASK(S)

UCPH will lead WP3 on identifying levers for which not enough knowledge is yet available, and our main contribution will be towards this task but we will also contribute to the other three cross cutting tasks to develop resilient IPM management in apple orchards. Experimentally, we will particularly focus on top down processes and direct measures against the aphid complex and the codling moth.

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#### **ADDITIONAL FIELDS**

Organisation acronym	UCPH
Funding agency	DAFA

### Partner 3: GRAB Research Group for Organic Farming

#### **FINANCE COMMENTS**

Personnel	-Junior scientists, permanent staff 9 p.month -Trainees, 2 x 3 months
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, field trips, 4k€
Consumables / Equipment	Experimental orchard inputs and sampling devices (essential oil, emergence traps) $4k \in$
Subcontracts	Laboratory analyses and insect identification 2k€
Other	

#### TASK(S)

GRAB will be involved in the setting-up of on-station and on-farm trials in organic orchards. GRAB will contribute to assess (1) the potential interest of volatiles emitted by essential oils and (2) combined cultural practices to discourage pests development. Pests threatening organic apple production will be preferably targeted. GRAB will harness his expertise through the implementation of organic fruit researches adapted to commercial farms conditions.

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#### ADDITIONAL FIELDS

Organisation acronym	GRAB
Funding agency	MAAF

#### Partner 4: Université catholique de Louvain

#### **FINANCE COMMENTS**

Personnel	Non permanent staff -Junior scientist for field $\&$ lab work, 10 p.month -Senior Scientist for coordination 0.7 p.month
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, 3 k€
Consumables / Equipment	Sampling devices, insect for mass release, consumables and experimental costs 3.5 k€
Subcontracts	
Other	

#### TASK(S)

UCLouvain will lead WP1 on sharing protocols and data. In collaboration with Dr. Lateur (CRA-W), we will combine cover crops and flower strips to favour natural enemies and to perform mass release of two parasitoids (A. matricariae and E. cerasicola) and one predator (A. aphidimyza) to control D. plantaginea. Indeed, nectar and pollen provision will avoid dispersal of the released individuals and should improve their development in the orchard. The other insect pests will be also monitored.

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#### **ADDITIONAL FIELDS**

Organisation acronym	ELIB/UCL
Funding agency	SPW-DGO3

## Partner 5: Swedish University of Agricultural Science

#### **FINANCE COMMENTS**

Personnel	Post-doc fellowship 24 p.month
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, field trips, 6k€
Consumables / Equipment	Innovative orchard planting & management 12.5k $\in$ ; compensation to growers (if damage) 2.5 k $\in$ ; pest monitoring (traps, semiochemicals, sampling trap) 5k $\in$
Subcontracts	
Other	

### TASK(S)

SLU Alnarp (Sweden) will be the leader of WP2 "Design of systems with combinations of levers and orchard co-design". The designed systems will be based on combinations of levers adapted to local conditions. We aim at combining disruption of ant behavior to enhance biocontrol of aphids with push&pull system to decrease aphid establishment and with trap crop to decrease moths damage.

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#### **ADDITIONAL FIELDS**

Organisation acronym	SLU
Funding agency	FORMAS

## Partner 6: CENTRE WALLON de RECHERCHES AGRONOMIQUES

#### FINANCE COMMENTS

Personnel	Non permanent staff -Technical assistance for field $\&$ lab work, 9 p.month -Senior scientist for coordination, 1.1 p.month
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, 4 k $\in$
Consumables / Equipment	Experimental orchard inputs 1.5k $\in$ , experimental costs for monitoring, lab and data analysis 1k $\in$
Subcontracts	
Other	

#### TASK(S)

CRA-W will be involved in lever 3- through cultivar screening and selection concerning rosy apple aphid, codling moth and blossom weevil susceptibility; lever 4- by increasing functional biodiversity with local eco-type flower strips concerning rosy apple aphid and finally CRA-W will work on lever 6- by using a monitoring of codling moth fly emergence risk and applying direct measure such as mass trapping of adults with light traps.

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#### ADDITIONAL FIELDS

Organisation acronym	CRA-W
Funding agency	SPW-DGO3

### Partner 7: Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentaries

#### **FINANCE COMMENTS**

Personnel	Non permanent staff Technical assistance for field & lab work, 15.25 p.month
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, field trips, $5k \in$
Consumables / Equipment	Experimental orchard inputs 3.1 k€, experimental costs for monitoring, lab and data analysis 3k€
Subcontracts	
Other	

### TASK(S)

The tasks that IRTA will carry out in this project will be focused on improving the biological control of the rosy apple aphid by: a) the implementation of flower strips and other companion plants, b) the release of natural enemies and, c) the diversion of ants.

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#### **ADDITIONAL FIELDS**

Organisation acronym	IRTA
Funding agency	INIA

#### **FINANCE COMMENTS**

Personnel	Non permanent staff Technical assistance for field work, 7 p.month
Travel	Travel expenses Meetings, workshops, congress participation, 7k€
Consumables / Equipment	Experimental orchard inputs and costs for monitoring $2k \in$ ; nest boxes for birds, sample materials, sample processing $2k \in$
Subcontracts	Field sampling, laboratory processing of samples and insect identification $16k \in$
Other	

#### TASK(S)

The tasks that SERIDA carry out in this project will be focused on improving the biological control of the rosy apple aphid and codling moth by a better knowledge of;

- the effect of cultivars, rootstock and cropping system

- role of landscape, hedges & ground cover on aphid predator and role of birds

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## ADDITIONAL FIELDS

Organisation acronym	SERIDA
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## ABSTRACT

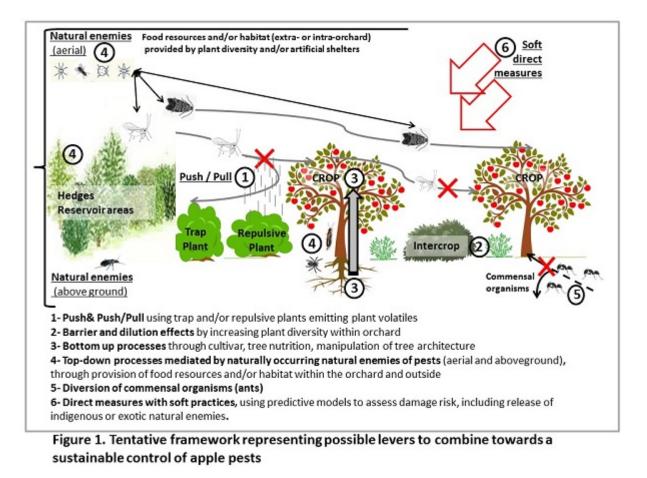
Apple accounts for 35% of European orchards and the sustainability of apple production is questioned since it relies on a heavy use of pesticides. The objective of the API-tree project is to design and assess the efficiency and sustainability of combinations of practices, which are alternative to chemicals to control apple pests. The whole apple pest complex will be considered, with a focus on aphids, for which chemical control solutions are missing due to regulatory pesticide withdrawal. The novelty of this project is the integrated approach that takes into account agroecosystem management, orchard design and practices, as well as economic constraints. A range of geographic and climatic conditions is covered by API-tree thanks to the consortium, which comprises countries from Northern to Mediterranean Europe. This also permits to share various experiences and knowledge to propose innovative context-adapted solutions. API-tree will permit to design and assess new orchard systems in collaboration with end-users (mainly growers), who will participate in co-design activities and test some proposed strategies in their commercial orchards. Targeted practices will aim at building consistent and resilient systems that reduce both pest attacks and damage to attacked plants. All the partners have skills in ecology and agronomy and expertise in methods and practices that foster the defense of the apple tree against pest attacks and the control of apple pests by their natural enemies. Those practices are related to the enhancement of plant diversity (additional cultivars, cover crops, introduction of companion plants...), to soil and tree management (cultural practices) and to the design of agroecological infrastructures (e.g. habitat management to provide pest natural enemies with food resources and shelters, push-pull plant assemblages etc.). The sustainability of the designed strategies will be evaluated using the multicriteria assessment tool DEXiFruits to account for economic, environmental and social performances of the experimented orchards. The outcomes of the project are i) Integrated Pest Management strategies which can be implemented in different contexts, with information on their efficacy, mode of action, feasibility and costs; ii) methods to design and evaluate innovative orchards and iii) knowledge sharing and dissemination, including European and local interactions to discuss and implement approaches and orchard systems with advisors and growers.

## BACKGROUND

Apple tree (*Malus* × *domestica* Borkh.) is the most common fruit tree that represents 450,000 ha in Europe and 35% of the total orchard surface area (Eurostat, 2014). Current orchards also rely on a heavy use of pesticides (MAAF, 2012). The risk of environmental contamination is high and apples with pesticide residues are a concern for consumers. The sustainability of apple orchards is therefore questioned. However, the control of insect pests such as codling moth (*Cydia pomonella*) and aphids (mainly the rosy apple aphid *Dysaphis plantaginea*) is critical for apple production. The woolly apple aphid (*Eriosoma lanigerum*), the oriental fruit moth (*Grapholita molesta*), the apple blossom weevil (*Anthonomus pomorum*), the European apple sawfly (*Hoplocampa testudinea*) and tortricid leafrollers can also cause severe or even total fruit losses according to countries or cropping practices. Moreover, the conventional control of aphids mainly relies on neonicotinoid compounds which are under scrutiny. Both economic and ecological outcomes are therefore challenging.

Integrated pest management (IPM) has developed since the 1970s in Europe (Baggiolini et al 1973) to answer such challenge. More recently, alternative methods to chemicals were made available to growers (e.g. mating disruption) but they targeted single pests and/or lacked an overall evaluation of their advantages and limits (Heijne et al 2015). Till now, opportunities to develop interdisciplinary approaches of pest control have been scarce (Lauri et al 2016). There is a need to develop more global approaches to design innovative orchards and decrease such pesticide reliance (Zehnder et al 2007) but systemic approaches are poorly documented in orchards (Simon et al 2016). Some authors (Brown 1999; Malézieux 2012; Ratnadass et al 2012) proposed new insights for the design of agroecological cropping systems (i.e. relying on ecology-based processes rather than external inputs), but such an approach requires further knowledge. There is a need to gather skills, experiences and knowledge from researchers and other stakeholders (e.g. growers, advisors) in various regions and contexts to account for the complexity of agroecosystems such as orchards and consider within-space and -time interactions (Le Bellec et al 2012).

Designing a 'pest suppressive' agroecosystem (i.e. that favors pest suppression) requires i) to avoid the spatio-temporal coincidence of pests and pest-susceptible tree organs ii) to foster both plant-mediated (bottom up) and natural enemy-mediated (top down) processes and iii) to avoid practices hindering targeted processes, namely pesticide use, through the implementation of soft biocontrol solutions. We here propose a general framework based on recent knowledge on ecological processes applied to agroecosystemsto integrate various 'levers' or means of action against pests (Fig. 1), which are mainly related to the enhancement of plant diversity and orchard spatial design.



#### Levers 1&2

Pests' foraging activity to localize their host plant is more complex in diversified agroecosystems (Gurr et al 1998) and such diversity also benefits natural enemies of pests (Lever 4; Parolin et al. 2012). Interesting functional traits of apple companion plants are low content of

defence compounds (e.g. susceptible cultivars planted as trap plants around the orchard), emission of plant volatiles disrupting host plant's recognition by aphids (Pickett et al 1992) or affecting aphid behaviour, fecundity and mortality (Amarawardana et al 2007; Ben Issa et al 2016). The diffusion of essential oils as repulsive or disruptive volatile compounds is also a promising approach still to be investigated, e.g. *Achillea millefolium* essential oil sprayed at bloom against sawfly (De Almeida 2012).

#### Lever 3

Pest damage can also be modulated by cultivar choice: differences in pest susceptibility of apple cultivars have been displayed for the rosy apple aphid (Miñarro & Dapena 2007; Pagliarani et al 2016) or the blossom weevil (Mody et al 2015; Knuff et al 2016). Pests are also affected by cultural practices through modification of the nutrient status of the tree or manipulation of its architecture (Breda et al 2006; Jordan et al 2014). Aphids are particularly receptive to shoot density (Grechi et al 2008), tree branching patterns (Simon et al 2012) and nutrient profile of the host, i.e. C and N organ concentration and composition. However, the effect of N leaf content on aphid performance is controversial (Matis et al 2008; Sauge et al 2010; Mace & Mills 2015). Target leaf N concentrations for aphid resistance optimization as well as the relationship between tree vigour and the success of the return flight of dioecic aphids are still to be investigated in apple.

#### Lever 4

Both aerial and aboveground natural enemies of pests (NE) support the ecosystem service of pest suppression. The provision of food resources and shelters permitted by habitat conservation at both orchard and farm scales favours NE abundance, diversity and/or efficacy and therefore pest suppression (Landis et al 2000). Agroecological infrastructures include flower strips and other cover crops, hedges, selected non-cultivated habitats, but artificial nesting can also contribute. NE biology (diet, dispersal, lifecycle, life history traits) is here important to consider. Generalist predatory arthropods such as spiders are able to feed on a large range of prey and stay in crops when pest numbers are low, notably early in the season (Symondson et al 2002; Sigsgaard 2010; Boreau de Roincé et al 2013). This prevents pest outbreaks before specialist NE are abundant (Miñarro et al 2005; Dib et al 2010). However, whereas subsequent increase in NE abundance and/or diversity after plant diversification is well documented, pest suppression is not always observed (Letourneau et al 2009; Simon et al 2010). Interactions among NE are complex (e.g. competition) and multitrophic effects are to be considered (e.g. hyperparasitism). It is therefore important to consider both the presence and the functional role of NE, which can be estimated using sentinel preys (e.g. Ostman 2004) or molecular gut content analysis of field-sampled predators (Boreau de Roincé et al 2012).

#### Lever 5 & direct methods (6)

Beside trophic interactions, non-trophic interactions related to commensal ants also deserve consideration (Stewart-Jones et al 2004; Miñarro et al 2010). Non-pesticide control methods such as NE release also contribute to successfully control the whole pest complex. Among aphid antagonists, three functional groups have complementary effects: predatory generalists such as earwigs (*Forficula auricularia*) that show great predation potential (Lordan et al 2015; Dib et al 2016); predatory specialists such as ladybirds; and parasitoid wasps, e.g. *Aphidius matricariae* and *Ephedrus cerasicola* on *D. plantaginea* (Dumont et al 2011). Parasitism rates of codling moth by native parasitoids remain low in commercial orchards (less than 5%, Maalouly et al 2013) and are limited by hyperparasitism in absence of pesticide (up to 50%, Maalouly et al 2015). The parasitoid *Mastrus ridens*, native from Central Asia (Kuhlmann & Mills 1999) and successfully introduced in several countries (Mills 2005; Veres et al 2013; Borowiec et al 2016), seems to be an excellent candidate for codling moth biocontrol in France. The impact of this species on the native parasitoid complex and the success of the introduction (species dispersal and efficiency) with regards to landscape features remain to be studied.

Finally, developing an ecosystemic approach of pest control in various regions of Europe could be permitted by i) sharing expertise and knowledge between researchers and stakeholders; ii) considering synergistic effects between a range of levers; iii) developing generic methods to design pest suppressive orchards and iv) providing growers with documented means of action according to specific context and objectives.

## WORK PLAN AND WORK PACKAGES

The aim of this project is to develop an integrated agroecological approach of pest control in apple orchards and to explore collectively perspectives in that objective. Innovative design and the sustainability assessment of control method combinations in a range of climatic conditions are the basis of our approach. A range of levers increasing the orchard system resilience to insect pests (Fig 1) will be considered as well as interactions between them. Plant diversity, soil management and orchard design will be considered and complemented by classical biocontrol as non-chemical control method.

We will address the whole insect pest complex of apple orchards in Europe to work on various pest models including sap feeders (aphids), flower feeders (sawfly, blossom weevil) and fruit borers (codling moth and other tortricids), and various NE types including generalist and specialist, predatory and parasitoid NE. A special focus will be set on aphids since it is one major apple tree pest. Moreover, environmentally unfriendly chemical pesticides are generally used to control them.

Innovative design will rely on the integration of research results, experience sharing to identify promising solutions and possible synergistic effects among those solutions, experiments on the processes involved and co-design activities with growers. This project is mainly a research project due to the exploratory deployment of innovative practices that need to be assessed. However, apple growers will be involved, as members of the partners' network (GRAB), by participating to co-design workshops or by testing innovative practices. The sustainability of the experimented orchards will be evaluated using the multicriteria assessment tool DEXiFruits (Alaphilippe et al 2015) to account for economic, environmental and social performances.

This project will provide i) basic knowledge on processes and within-time and -space interactions in complex agroecosystems such as orchards ii) methods and means of action to be applied by growers to (re)design their orchards for more resilience and iii) an opportunity to experience an original way to produce and disseminate knowledge. This will be realized by sharing knowledge, experiences and expertise among scientists engaged in IPM but coming from various disciplines, geographic contexts and working on different ecological processes. Moreover, sharing the approach with end-users will contribute to the dissemination of both innovative solutions and design methods towards more sustainable apple production.

The consortium was built to comprise a range of geographical and climatic situations from Northern to Mediterranean Europe, and a range of scientific skills including agronomy, entomology, ecology, chemical ecology and plant ecophysiology (Appendix 3). The coordinator is a specialist of multicriteria evaluation and sustainability assessment of apple cropping systems. Moreover, all teams are interested in a systemic approach of fruit production, i.e. in orchard design and management towards more sustainability through combinations of levers to control pests. Last, all partners can provide experimental and/or commercial organic or IPM orchards for experimental purpose and have established collaborations with growers' organisations.

To organize activities and team interactions, 4 transversal work packages (WP) involving all teams beside the general management (Fig 2) are proposed:

WP1. Methodological and organizational aspects for knowledge sharing, including shared framework, protocols and experiments;

WP2. Design of systems with lever combinations and orchard co-design adapted to local conditions and involving growers;

**WP3. Knowledge enhancement** through specific experiments when processes, lever implementations or interactions between levers are insufficiently understood;

**WP4. Sustainability assessment** using DEXiFruits to assess the experimented systems after adaptation of this tool to context conditions in Europe.

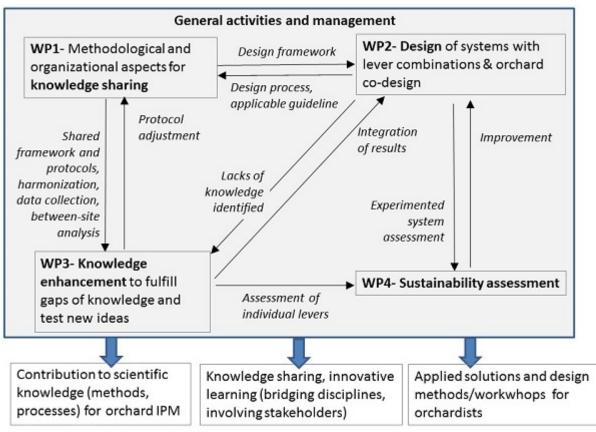


Figure 2. Project organization

Along the project, individual and/or combined levers will be tested on each site (WP2, WP3), and the overall performance of the corresponding orchards will be evaluated (WP4). An accurate description of sites, contexts, biotic and abiotic conditions and orchards will permit to identify suitable conditions for the use of those levers. A crossed analysis among countries will be carried out to improve the tested combinations through feedbacks and experience sharing (WP1).

The kick-off meeting will be a key step to share views and expertise and to propose a common framework (from Fig 1) as guideline for further work. The common models, study objects, methods and approaches between partners will be discussed to decide experimental within- and between-site activities to carry out in API-tree. Each annual meeting will permit to share advances, discuss results, issues and perspectives, and adapt protocols and the evaluation tool. For cost saving, those annual meetings will be backed to orchard field visits or workshops with end-users for exchanges on results and approaches, and/or to involve them in a co-design process (WP2). Another annual meeting through videoconference will permit to discuss on-going experiments. Videoconferences will also permit exchanges between two or more partners on common topics. A closing meeting (e.g. workshop) open to scientists and stakeholders will be held. Information sharing will be supported by computer applications (e.g. shared files), but also visits and co-supervision of trainees.

Deliverables, milestones and activities are presented in the Gantt chart (Fig 3) and Tab 1 (also available in Appendix 4). General activities and management represent a total of 10.6 person.months (pm) of which 5.1 pm for coordination (INRA) (Appendix 2).

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WP3 - Knowledge	T3-1	L3-1																		
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WP4 - Multicriteria	T4-1	L4-1		L4-2	M4-1			M4-2						L4-3						
assessment	T4-2																L4-4		L4-5	
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### Figure 3. Gantt chart

Work packages	Tasks	Activities	Deliverables Lx-y / Milestones Mx-y			
General management*	T0-1	Meetings, reporting	L0-1, L0-3, L0-4, L0-5, L0-6, L0-7 Meeting reports L0-8 Final report			
	T0-2	Co-training				
	T0-3	Webpages	LO-2 Webpages available			
WP1 - Methodological	T1-1	Common framework	L1-1 Common framework finalized			
•			M1-1 Common framework available			
and organizational	T1-2	Sharing specific protocols	L1-2 Grid to analyse specific protocols			
aspects for knowledge	10101		L1-4 Shared & harmonized specific protocols			
sharing			L1-6 Feedback on specific protocols			
1.24	T1-3	Common experiments	L1-3 Common experiments: protocols			
	0.000		M1-2 Common protocols available			
			L1-5, L1-7 Feedbacks on common experiments			
			L1-8 Protocols available on-line (records)			
WP2 - Design of	T2-1, T2-2	Workshops	L2-1, L2-2, L2-4 Workshop reports			
systems with lever	T2-1	Orchard design	L2-5 Guideline for orchard design			
combinations &	T2-2	Co-design	L2-3 Report on co-design process			
orchard co-design			L2-6 Publication on orchard (co)design submitted			
	T3-1 to T3-4	Specific experiments on studied levers & common	L3-1 Detailed list of skills & experimental facilities of			
		experiments	partners			
WP3 - Knowledge			L3-2 Report on lacks of knowledge on studied processe			
enchancement			M3-1, M3-2 (Parts of) studies on processes completed			
enchancement			and feedbacks to WP2			
			L3-3, L3-4 Publications or congress communications by			
			partners on specific experiments			
WP4 - Multicriteria		DEXiFruits adaptation to European contexts	L4-1 Demo on DEXiFruits tool (files)			
assessment			L4-2 Report on context specificities for tool adaptation			
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			M4-2 DEXiFruits adapted to each European context			
			L4-3 Feedback on advantages/ limits of the tool			
	T4-2	DEXiFruits use on experimented orchards	L4-4 Report on common results analysis			
	14-2		L4-5 Final analysis & report			

## Table 1. Project deliverables and milestones

**WP 1**. Methodological and organizational aspects for knowledge sharing, M1-M36 (leader T. Hance, UCL, Belgium, 2 pm; INRA 4.4 pm & 1 pm trainee; UCPH 0.5 pm; GRAB 0.75 pm; SLU 1 pm; CRA-W 1.5 pm; IRTA 2 pm; SERIDA 1.5 pm)

#### T1-1. Common framework

A conceptual framework will be developed on the basis of the studied ecological processes (Fig 1) and related functional traits of plants, pests and NE, to provide a common frame for integrating results from WP3 and to discuss orchard redesign in WP2. Such methodological framework will document the approach but also increase the genericity of our results.

#### T1-2. Protocols sharing

To share protocols and formats of datasets for between-site analyses, important information to consider in a descriptive grid is related to site and context, studied pests and NE, studied processes and levers, sampling techniques, damage and predation/parasitism estimations, agronomic monitoring, data management and analysis, applications in orchards etc.

Following the kick-off meeting, protocols will be collected then analysed to be shared and/or harmonized along the first year of the project to analyse data from various sites on the same pests, NE and processes. Data management under the same format will permit crossed analyses. Experiments that will not take place in the first year will benefit from adjustments and formalization of previous experiments. Between-site analysis will take place at the end of each year, and a between-year analysis will also be carried out in each site and between sites.

#### T1-3. Common experiment

Since between-site analyses are constrained by context-dependent factors, a common experiment will be proposed on aphids which are studied in each country. Two common simplified protocols will be carried out on at least one site per country in years 1 and 2 in organic or untreated orchards:

(1) Visual observation of aphids and NE (presence/abundance) in aphid colonies in spring to document aphid infestation and the predatory complex in various European sites and provide context for other experiments;

(2) Measures of tree growth and rosy apple aphid infestation in the same trees in the next Spring (e.g. after bloom) to correlate tree vigour in Autumn (period of aphid return flight) and Spring tree infestation resulting from aphid return flight success before sexual reproduction.

**WP 2**. Design of systems with lever combinations and co-design, M1-36 (leader M. Tasin, SLU, Sweden 16 pm; INRA 7.1 pm & 5 pm trainees; UCPH 0.5 pm; GRAB 3.25 pm; UCL 1 pm; CRA-W 1.6 pm; IRTA 5.5 pm; SERIDA 1.5 pm)

The design of pest suppressive orchards will rely on knowledge sharing between partners, and between partners and growers. The designed systems will be based on combinations of levers adapted to local conditions and will be set in the field by adapting existing orchards. Lever combinations will be discussed among partners to benefit from expertise from other regions, on other pests or processes. Interactions to be managed are partly related to orchard design and attractiveness for naturally occurring or released NE: the dispersion of individuals out of the orchard following parasitoid mass release is difficult to avoid. Conversely, food resources can also act as a 'sink' for NE and divert them from prey in the apple tree (e.g. Marliac et al 2015). Finally, when insects are released, the presence of flower strips could help prevent this dispersion by providing parasitoid NE with nectar resources (UCL, CRA-W). Two entangled aspects will be developed:

#### T2-1. Design of sustainable orchards

Starting from the common framework (WP1), partners will share knowledge and experiences to combine levers and design pest suppressive orchard systems. Lacks of knowledge will also be identified at this step and handled through literature, other projects and/or WP3. Trade-off will be necessary to propose consistent systems and choices will of course be done differently according to each country. Those systems will be discussed and/or tested among partners but also through the network of each partner (e.g., GRAB will experiment lever combinations in commercial orchards) and in specific workshops (see below). Innovative orchards can also originate from existing orchards through step-by-step improvement. One important task will be to document steps in the design process, choices, expected interactions and results to propose a generic guideline for orchard design (e.g. describe context, set objectives in all orchard stages, spatial design and management across years, etc.) to be tested then proposed to growers and advisors at the end of the project.

#### T2-2. Co-design workshops

In Sweden (SLU) and France (GRAB, INRA), a workshop will be held to co-design orchards and/or lever combinations with stakeholders in 2 years of the project depending on local possibilities. The aim of such workshops is to bring together different competences, both practical and academic, to be integrated in co-design. The outcomes of the workshop will be new orchard systems. A partner of each country will attend at least one workshop, benefit from and contribute to it. Feedback on the action will be produced by all partners and stakeholders attending the workshops as reflexive analysis on the co-design process and opportunities it offers.

**WP 3.** Knowledge enhancement, M1-32 (leader L. Sigsgaard, UCPH, Denmark 17.5 pm; INRA 9.9 pm & 22 pm trainees; GRAB 3.5 pm & 6 pm trainees; UCL 7 pm; SLU 5 pm; CRA-W 6.9 pm; IRTA 12.25 pm; SERIDA 15 pm)

In close relationship with WP2 (Fig 2), the aim is to identify levers for which not enough knowledge is yet available for them to be used in combination within systems, or for which data are not available under a range of context conditions. This task may also consider interactions between levers. Some levers are not yet applicable in combinations within systems. This is true regarding lever 5 (ant diversion) and lever 6 (mass-release of predators and parasitoids in orchards). The use of plant diversity as a lever is developed in WP2, but detailed studies of novel diversity elements will also be included in WP3, such as the planting of aromatic plants in Northern Europe: exchanges with Southern partners are then highly relevant. Levers studied in WP3 will progressively be assessed during the course of the project, and most

promising methods/biocontrol agents will be integrated in orchards in year 3 or at least tested in field conditions. The following experiments on levers or processes of Fig 1 are proposed (Appendix 1):

#### T3-1. Experiments on levers 1 and 2

Planting susceptible cultivars as trap plants (CRA-W) and companion plants such as repellent aromatic plants (INRA) will be tested on the rosy apple aphid in Northern and Southern orchards. Spatial and temporal dynamic of plant volatile emission and effects on NE will be measured (INRA). The diffusion of selected essential oils in the orchard will be tested against sawfly (GRAB). Beside pest control, the aim of the experiment is to optimize the application of essential oils by using diffusers. All those levers will be assessed for their efficacy to act as push, pull or barrier, and on feasibility and costs (WP4).

#### T3-2. Experiments on lever 3

To optimize bottom up processes, several aspects will be considered:

-The effect of N tree nutrition on aphid infestation will be studied by comparing aphid infestation under different levels of N supply in an experimental orchard using a dynamic monitoring of N leaf content and aphid infestation (INRA);

-The effect of bud phenology on i) blossom weevil attack and ii) the parasitism rate affecting this pest will be assessed by comparing cultivars differing in their budburst period (SERIDA) expecting that a phenological mismatch between cultivars and blossom weevil phenology could affect pest damage;

-The effect of cropping system (rootstock, fertilization and weed management in the tree-row) on aphids will be assessed in an already established experimental orchard (SERIDA) using artificial infestation to avoid differences in the natural aphid infestation of trees.

#### T3-3. Experiments on lever 4

Top-down processes mediated by NE will be one of the core elements of this project, since all partners are experienced on these processes. Flower strips (CRA-W, UCPH, IRTA, INRA) and other cover crops (SERIDA, IRTA), as well as pesticide-free overwintering areas (SLU), will be tested using results obtained in related projects (EcoOrchard, Ecofruit):

-The effect of plant diversity, food resource or habitat management on the arthropod community (both pests and NE) and their dispersal from the agroecological infrastructures to the apple trees is considered by all above-listed teams;

-Pest suppression ecosystem service will be estimated by using sentinel preys (UCPH, INRA, IRTA) and molecular gut content analysis of field-sampled aphid predators in a shared experience (UCPH, INRA) to identify predatory species contributing to pest control in Northern and Southern orchards. A selection of predatory arthropods will be sampled in organic apple orchards in Spring and Summer as a function of distance to flower strips and other agroecological infrastructure. In addition, aphid infestation levels in the orchards and predator feeding trials in the laboratory will permit to assess overall predator contribution to control the rosy apple aphid in orchards;

-The effect of groundcover management in the alleys, e.g. through alternate shredding on half alley, will be evaluated for the provision of spontaneous flowers and the presence of aphid predators such as hoverflies (SERIDA).

Finally, promoting insectivorous birds will be made by providing artificial nests (e.g. Mols & Visser 2002) in 10 commercial orchards. Nesting will be monitored and avian predation will be estimated through feeding attempts on plasticine models mimicking caterpillars (Barbaro et al 2014) and by comparing aphid density in artificially infested branches with and without bird exclusion mesh (SERIDA).

#### T3-4. Experiments on levers 5 & 6 (direct methods)

The diversion of ants with alternative prey or sugar baits will be considered (INRA, IRTA) as well as the development of ant disruptive formulations (SLU). The expected result is that ants will neither attend aphid colonies in the tree nor 'transplant' aphids on non-infested shoots because of diversion; aphids will therefore be more exposed to diseases and NE and spread more slowly in the tree.

Augmentative releases of predatory arthropodscan supplement the naturally occurring complex to increase biocontrol. Early releases of predatory insects such as earwigs will be tested (INRA, IRTA), as well as *A. bipunctata* and anthocorids (UCPH), and will benefit from activities of ongoing projects (EcoOrchard, PROTECFRUIT). Interactions of the selected predators with other organisms of the apple orchard will be studied at the laboratory to predict the efficacy of the release (UCPH).

Parasitoid populations and their effectiveness to control aphids will be evaluated in relation with the precocity of the mass release to control *D. plantaginea* development (UCL, Belgium). Inoculative release of *M. ridens* parasitoid (authorization under consideration at the French

ANSES agency) in 5 commercial organic orchards (Sebiopag facility) will be the first experimental introduction in Europe of an exotic NE to control codling moth. The monitoring of *M. ridens* establishment and its expected expansion will address population dynamics, efficiency and impact on the native parasitoid community. This will contribute to understand how landscape features affect *M. ridens* population growth and dispersal and may favour or impair biocontrol efficiency.

**WP 4.** Sustainability assessment, M1-36 (leader A. Alaphilippe, INRA, France 9.1 pm & 2 pm trainees; UCPH 0.25 pm; GRAB 0.75 pm; UCL 0.2 pm; SLU 1 pm; CRA-W 0.2 pm; IRTA 2 pm; SERIDA 0.2 pm)

Specific attention will be paid to the agronomic performances, the feasibility and the costs of the proposed combinations of levers. Such ex-post evaluation will be carried out using DEXiFruits tool on the systems experimented during the project but also possibly on systems designed in former or on-going projects for comparison purposes. DEXiFruits will be adapted to European context conditions if necessary. Main steps are:

#### T4-1. DEXiFruits adaptation to European contexts

This includes i) the survey of existing innovative orchard systems among partners through data monitoring; ii) the use of the tool on datasets provided by partners; iii) feedbacks on the outputs to identify country specificities and to format the evaluation tool to each European context. This will also permit to identify the limits and the perimeter of use of DEXiFruits.

#### T4-2. Evaluation of experimented orchards

The evaluation of experimented orchard systems of partners or of single levers will focus on feasibility, constraints and costs to provide growers with an overall evaluation of the proposed solutions. Dashboards or radar diagrams will be produced to help identify advantages and limits of the evaluated systems. Discussions about the performances and limits of the designed orchards will open possibilities for improvement through the integration of other levers or the optimization of the selected ones.

Finally, expected results are:

-Knowledge on ecological processes in orchards;

-Identification of combinations of levers which can be implemented in different contexts, with information on their efficacy, mode of action, feasibility and costs, and possible unexpected interactions;

-Design of orchard systems allowing for the natural control of the main insect pests in a range of contexts;

-Extended application of DEXiFruits tool to assess apple cropping systems;

-Knowledge sharing and interactions among scientists from various disciplines and stakeholders;

-Sustainability assessment of orchards providing information to discuss implementation possibilities with advisors and growers;

-Innovative networking for methods, experiments, training and implementation of collective intelligence to develop an integrated agroecosystem approach for apple pest control.

## **RELATED PROJECTS**

The projects related to API-tree are:

RegPuc (2016-2018): Onema Ecophyto 2018 program, 45 k€; Partner INRA PSH.

It aims to assess the consequences of a moderate reduction (by 20%) of nitrogen and water inputs on (i) fruit yield and quality, (ii) tree resistance to aphids and (iii) preservation of wood quality (flowering ability) in a commercial peach orchard along 3 years.

<u>Peerless</u> (2013-2017): French ANR program Agrobiosphere, 800 k€; Partner INRA. Predictive Ecological Engineering for Landscape Ecosystem Services and Sustainability.

Objectives are potentially linked to the API-Tree project through: (1) the identification of cropping systems and landscape characteristics for which the biodiversity functionally enhances crop production; (2) the design of viable deployments of alternative crop systems and semi-natural habitats in spatially explicit landscapes. One of the studied crop is apple orchard. The project includes knowledge enhancement on the ecological processes of pest-NE interactions but the optimisation of alternative cropping systems is mainly based on simulation models at larger spatial scales than in the API-Tree project.

Sebiopag (2014-2017): ECOPHYTO FRB program; Partner INRA.

Long term survey of the biodiversity in the agricultural landscape, including a network of commercial apple orchards in the Basse-Durance Valley, South-Eastern France (http://sebiopag.inra.fr/)

BIOCCYD (2015-2017): Ecophyto PSPE2, coord. N. Ris, INRA ISA-RDLB, 300 k€.

BIOMODICS (2013-2017): FP7 - Marie-Curie - IRSES, coord. T. Malausa, INRA ISA-BPI, 180 k€.

Both projects are focused on research and development in classical biological control with the experimental program for the introduction of *M. ridens* against codling moth in France. Those projects allowed us to import populations of *M. ridens*, improve rearing technology for *M. ridens* and its host, develop the microsatellite markers, and carry on all the laboratory tests necessary to obtain the authorization to release this biological control agent in the field. However, the timelines for these projects won't cover the field campaigns for introduction and extensive monitoring.

Protecfruit (2014-2017): GUDP/DAFA, 426 k€; PartnerUCPH. Protected production of organic apple and pear.

EcoOrchard (2015-2018): EU Core-organic plus/DAPA, coord. L. Sigsgaard, UCPH, 166 k€. Innovative design and management to boost functional biodiversity of organic orchards

In DK, ongoing experiments are conducted in five organic apple orchards with already established wild flower strips substituting a row of apple trees (Protecfruit) and in one organic apple orchard with wild flower mixtures in the orchard alleys (EcoOrchard). The effect of flower strips on aphid density will be established in these two systems. The predation level (sentinel prey) and the predator complex (beating samples) will also be determined. The outcome of such extensive field studies allows for a continuation of more detailed studies of predator-prey interactions. Such studies are of great value to understand the mechanisms in the above-ground environment of organisms as well as creating a good basis for developing biological control strategies.

#### INIA (2014-2017): Spanish government, 154 k€; Partners SERIDA, IRTA.

Ecosystem services to promote pollination and pest control of woody crops: effects of landscape and management.

Objectives potentially linked to the API-Tree project are the implementation of ecological infrastructures and management strategies that promote natural biological pest control. Specifically, the activity presently proposed by SERIDA of studying the effect of alternative groundcover management on provision of flowers and natural enemies will continue the experiment settled in this Spanish project.

EcoFruit (2015-2017): ERA-NET BiodivERsA, 745 k€; Partner SERIDA.

The role of birds on the control of apple pests is studied in Spain.

## DISSEMINATION

A consortium agreement for intellectual property will be established between partners if the project is supported. The idea is that research work specifically carried out by a partner or some partners will belong to those partners, and collective work will be published collectively and could not be used by a sole partner unless approval of all other partners.

The dissemination of the research will target two publics i) the scientific community and ii) end-users, including growers and advisors, and possible other stakeholders.

Each partner will communicate on his/her results and collective results using the resources of his/her institute, his/her network, usual channels and support offered by other projects (e.g., EBIO-network athttp://ebionetwork.jki.bund.de/). This will ensure that some of the results will be available in the country native language, especially for end-users. Beside, a dissemination plan will be established to communicate on the approach and the collective results. This includes: a talk or a poster in a congress on cropping system design, the organization of field-days, the organization of workshops gathering scientists and stakeholders, on-line records hosted by already existing websites related to IPM (e.g., http://www6.inra.fr/quantipest). Webpages on the project will be created and hosted by institutional website (coordinator).

Scientific articles, congress talks and shared protocols (on-line records) will mainly target the scientific public. At least one scientific article or congress talk on the overall approach, and one scientific article or congress talk on each specific studied process will be produced.

Dissemination towards end-users will include: reports and technical articles in each country, leaflets or on-line records on specific methods to control pest, guidelines to (re)design orchards, technical workshops and field day demonstrating (e.g., flower strip management and push-pull experiment).

## SOCIETAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS

Apple tree (*Malus*  $\times$  *domestica* Borkh.) is the most common fruit tree that represents 450,000 ha in Europe and 35% of the total orchard surface area (Eurostat, 2014). Around 14 million tons of apple are produced per year in the EU. Fruits are considered to be healthy products, but the heavy reliance on pesticides of apple production questions this assertion.

Such reliance can be explained by a long growing season (up to 8 months), a perennial cropping system where many pests can develop and build up large populations across years, the use of susceptible cultivars and market standards requiring fruit with no visual default. There is an increasing concern among citizens and consumers about the attested presence of pesticide residues in the environment and food. In response to the societal demand for more sustainable practices in agriculture, policy measures to decrease the reliance on pesticides (e.g., European directive n° 2009/128/CE) have been implemented and the most health-concerning pesticides were withdrawn in the EU in the last decade. However, this also reduced the number of compounds available for pest control, thus increasing the risk of pesticide resistance in pest populations and therefore the failure of chemical control. Last, the usual control of apple aphids relies on neonicotinoid compounds which are under scrutiny because of side-effects on bees.

Apple production thus faces bottlenecks. The design of IPM innovative fruit production systems is a key point to maintain a sustainable apple production in Europe, and to avoid environmental and food contamination as well as health problems due to the exposure of workers to pesticides. The present project will contribute to such design, and will pay attention to the way innovative orchards can be (re)designed and implemented by the growers who will be involved in the design process.

Another key-point of the project will also rely on the approach. To tackle complex issue such as pesticide use reduction, analytical approaches that simplify a given system into smaller parts and single processes before study are not efficient. The whole system and its interactions (i.e. the orchard) are to be considered as a framework to develop research. Moreover, the design of agroecological systems will require sharing knowledge from various sources to consider the agroecosystem complexity and farm organizational constraints. In our project, knowledge sharing through meetings, visits, workshops, co-training of students, common experiments... will be a first step that permits to consider a generic common framework to merge scientific knowledge from various disciplines, technical knowledge and know-how. Such global perspective along with the involvement of growers in the design process is important for further adoption of the (re)designed systems, and also to benefit from experienced stakeholders. Our project therefore offers an opportunity to experience an original way to produce and disseminate knowledge towards sustainability.

## FINANCES

### **Requested funding**

Organisation name	Funding agency	Personnel	Travel	Consumables / Equipment	Subcontracts	Requested Funding	Total Own Contribution	Total Costs	
Institut national de la recherche agronomique	MAAF	81000	24000	37000	4000	151840	69000	220840	
Overhead		3240	960	1480	160				
University of Copenhagen	DAFA	101119	4027	18792		178472	23356	201828	
Overhead		44494	1772	8268					
GRAB Research Group for Organic Farming	MAAF	35392	4000	4000	2000	47128	15728	62856	
Overhead		1416	160	160					
Université catholique de Louvain	SPW-DGO3	41100	3000	3500		49980	5500	55480	
Overhead		2055	150	175					
Swedish University of Agricultural Science	FORMAS	117511	6000	19854		215061	0	215061	
Overhead		71696							
CENTRE WALLON de RECHERCHES AGRONOMIQUES	SPW-DGO3	41100	4000	2500		49980	5500	55480	
Overhead		2055	200	125					
Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentaries	INIA	39000	5038	6100		60166	23268	83434	
Overhead		7800	1008	1220					
Servicio Regional de Investigación y Desarrollo Agroalimentario	INIA	23000	7000	4000	16000	60000	24000	84000	
Overhead		4600	1400	800	3200				
TOTAL		616578	62715	107974	25360	812627	166352	978979	

#### **Own contribution**

Organisation name	Personnel	Iravol	Consumables / Equipment	Subcontracts	Other	Total Own Contribution
Institut national de la recherche agronomique	69000					69000
University of Copenhagen	23356					23356
GRAB Research Group for Organic Farming	15728					15728
Université catholique de Louvain	5500					5500
Swedish University of Agricultural Science						0
CENTRE WALLON de RECHERCHES AGRONOMIQUES	5500					5500
Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentaries	23268					23268
Servicio Regional de Investigación y Desarrollo Agroalimentario	24000					24000
TOTAL	166352	0	0	0	0	166352

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Place of birth	REIMS (FRANCE)

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** it is focused on the design and multi-criteria assessment of innovative orchard systems in order to improve their performances and sustainability.

SKILLS:						
Agronomy Multicriteria assessment	Fruit production system, Integrated and organic production Life cycle analysis, Synops, tool development for sustainability assessment					
WORK EXPERIENCE						
• Date (da – a) • Name of employer • Description	From 01/11/2008 INRA institut national de recherche agronomique, FRANCE Researcher (IR) multicriteria assessment of tree protection strategies					
• Date (da – a) • Name of organisation • Description	From 2014 IOBC Member of the IOBC IP commission guidelines					
<ul> <li>Date (da – a)</li> <li>Name of employer</li> <li>Description</li> </ul>	From 01/04/2008 to 31/10/2008 ARMEL, Technical center FRANCE To test new production methods with farmers					
• Date (da – a) • Name of employer • Description Diplome	From 01/04/2004 to 31/12/2007 SafeCrop / Istituto Agrario di San Michele All'Adige Project collaborator: non target effects of a biocontrol agent/ mechanism stud PhD Student (final PhD exam June 2008)					
STUDIES						
<ul> <li>Dates</li> <li>Name and type of organisation providing education and training</li> <li>Title of qualification awarded</li> </ul>	September 2002 to nov. 2003 ENSAR (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie Rennes) Associated with INA Paris-Grignon, ENSA Montpellier Specialization in Plant Protection (Ingénieur Agronome)					
• Dates • Name and type of organisation providing education and training Principal	September 2000 to nov. 2003 Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Horticulture et d'Aménagement du Paysage ENSHAP, INH (Angers, France) Horticulture sciences and Project Managment					
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**MOTHER TONGUE** 

subjects/occupational skills

Title of qualification awarded

**OTHER LANGUAGES** 

ENGLISH, ITALIEN, GERMAN

Master degree in Horticulture sciences

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## PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	Alaphilippe, A.; Boissy, J.; Simon, S.; Godard, C. 2016. Environmental impact of intensive versus semi-extensive apple orchards: use of a specific methodological framework for Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) in perennial crops. Journal of Cleaner Production 127, 555-561. Doi:10.1016/j.jclepro.2016.04.031
	Hennen W. and Alaphilippe A. 2015 PREMISE Insect Model: Integrated Population Dynamics Model for the Ex-ante Evaluation of IPM against Insect Pest. Journal of Agricultural Sicience and Technology B 5; 231-240. Doi: 10.17265/2161-6264/2015.04.001
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	Alaphilippe A., Simon S., Brun L., Hayer F., Gaillard G. 2013. Life cycle analysis reveals higher agroecological benefits of organic and low-input apple production. Agronomy for Sustainable Development 33(3): 581-592. Doi: 10.1007/s13593-012-0124-7
	Pauget B., Gimbert F. Coeurdassier M., Crini N., Peres G., Faure O., Douay F., Hitmi A., Beguiristain T., Alaphilippe A., Guernion M., Houot S., Legras M., Vian JF., Hedde M., Bispo A., Grand C., de Vaufleury A. 2013. Ranking field site management priorities according to their metal transfer to snails. Ecological Indicators 29: 445-454.
	Mouron P., Heijne B., Naef A., Strassemeyer J., Hayer F., Avilla J., Alaphilippe A., Höhn H., Hernandez J., Gaillard G., Mack G., Solé J., Sauphanor B., Samietz J., Patocchi A., Bravin E., Lavigne C. Bohanec M., Ursula Aubert U., Bigler F. 2012. Sustainability assessment of crop protection systems: SustainOS methodology and its application for apple orchards. Agricultural Systems 113 1–15. Doi:10.1016/j.agsy.2012.07.004
	Alaphilippe A., Elad Y., Rav david D., Derridj S., Gessler C. 2008. Effects of a biocontrol agent of apple powdery mildew ( <i>Podosphaera leucotricha</i> ) on the host plant and on non-target organisms: an insect pest ( <i>Cydia pomonella</i> ) and a pathogen ( <i>Venturia inaequalis</i> ). Biocontrol Science and Technology: 18(1-2):121-138. Doi: 10.1080/09583150701818964
OTHER RELEVANT CONTRIBUTIONS & PROJECTS	<b>Registration of two tools dedicated</b> to the sustaibility assessment of orchard production system: DEXiFruits® and DEXiPM-pomefruit® http://wiki.inra.fr/wiki/deximasc/DEXiFruits/1-+Accueil
	<b>Coordinator of a National project: DEXiFruits</b> dedicated to the development of an easy-to-use tool dedicated to the ex-post assessment of the sustainability of fruit production systems.
	The PURE European project (FP7): Task leader/ multicriteria assessment of IPM control methods and apple production systems.
	<b>Co-coordinator of a National project: Alt'Carpo</b> dedicated to the study of mode of action, efficacy and sustainability of exclosure netting against the codling moth on apple tree.

<u>University of Copenhagen (UCPH), Faculty of Science, Depart. of Plant and Environmental Sciences</u> UCPH is the largest university in Denmark covering natural resources and life sciences. It has numerous co-operative projects with national and international partners and professional experience in EU projects and other major international grants. The university is among the EURO League of Life Science universities. The Department has modern, well-equipped laboratories for work on biological control agents and a well-established network with IPM and organic apple growers. Team leader is assoc. professor Lene Sigsgaard, team members postdoc Stine Kramer Jacobsen and lab technician Kristian Hansen. The project will have synergies with the DAPA supported projects CORE Organic + EcoOrchard and PROTECFRUIT, aiming at designing apple IPM systems

## Curriculum vitae –Lene Sigsgaard

## PERSONAL DATA

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## ACADEMIC DEGREES

1992 - 1996: Royal Veterinary and Agric. University (KVL), PhD in agricultural entomology. 1982 - 1989: KVL. MSc. in Agricultural Sciences, main subjects in insect-plant interactions.

## EARLIER POSITIONS (TITLE EMPLOYER, YEAR)

Assoc. Professor	Univ. Copenhagen, Faculty of Science	Denmark	2006-	
Assoc. Professor R&D	KVL, Dept. Ecology (1/2 -02- 15/9-05)	Denmark	2002-2005	
Assistant Professor	KVL, Dept. of Ecology	Denmark	2001-2002	
Coll. Research Scientist	International Rice Research Institute	Philippines	1998-2001	
Researcher	Danish Agricultural Research Institute	Denmark	1996-1998	
Assistant Scientist	KVL (at ICRISAT 1992, 1993)	Denmark	1992-1995	
Assistant Scientist	KVL, Dept. of Agricultural Sciences.	Denmark	1989-1992	
Consultant	IMP, (Biological control) (3 mo/year 07-11)	Kenya	2007-2011	
Maternity leave 1991-92, 6 months, 1994-95, 6 months				

## EXPERIENCE OF LEADERSHIP AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

(details 2010-) Headed 18 research projects, participated in several others. *Headed by LS:* EU CORE Organic/GUDP ECOORCHARD 2015-17, Danish EPA 09-11: 'Biological Control of tortricids and aphids in strawberry'; Danish lead in EU CORE organic Softpest Multitrap 2012-14 LS participant: The Danish Council for Independent Research, Technology and Production Sciences, Optimizing performance of biological control agents used in Integrated Pest Management 2015-2018, GUDP Protecfruit 2013-2017, Strategic Res. Council 2012-2015: Imbicont -Improved biological control for IPM in fruits and berries (UCPH in collab. Univ Sao Paulo, Br), EU FP7 2012-2015 Inbiosoil - Innovative biological products for soil pest control, The Danish AgriFish Agency, Organic RDD 2011-14 Fruitgrowth. Danish fruit and berries: Novel organic solutions securing future growth w Aarhus Univ, growers, industry and advisory services ; FFU: 2011-16: Productivity and growth in organic value chains ProGrOV(10 mill DKR, ca 0.8 mill UCPH)

## **RESEARCH PROFILE**

Ecological studies of insect-plant and predator-prey interactions and biodiversity in scales from individual to community aiming at developing sustainable production systems to promote natural regulation of insect pests, wild bees for pollination, and apply use of biological control.

## SUPERVISION AND TEACHING\_

Guidance at BSc (6), MSc (15) and PhD (10) level. Presently main superviser of 3 PhD students and co-supervisor of 3 PhD students. Teaching courses in biological control, agricultural and horticultural entomology, plant protection and ecology. MSc courses in Insects in agriculture and Horticulture, Innovation inspired by nature and BSc course 'Faunaens vilkår i kulturlandskabet'

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2013 Scientific committee member Associate professor in Agricultural Entomology, UMB, Norway
2012 Panel Member Agric. and Forestry Sciences, FCT, Lisboa, Portugal
2010 expert, EU monitoring review of CGIAR 2010 review of project application (Systerra) INRA
2009- vice-president IOBC-WPRS (Int. Org. for Biological Control, West Palearctic Reg. Sect)
2011, 2007 & 2003: Member of scientific committee assessing PhD theses at SLU
2006-11: Member of the Pesticide Advisory Council of the Danish EPA
2003-06 Member, Int. Adv. Board for Res. Excel. in Sustainable Pomology, (EU-FP5)
2003-10 Board Member. The Danish Society of Plant Diseases and Pests
Peer reviewed 52 papers for 18 ref. journals. Subj. ed. Encycl of the Earth 2008-11. Ed. board Frustula Entomologica (Italy) (2011-)

## PUBLICATIONS

31 Peer-reviewed original articles. 28 proceedings, 2 book chapters, 4 research papers, 19 conference abstracts, 2 consultancy studies, 34 popular/technical papers, 4 bibliographies, 17 research reports, 50 conference abstracts

## Research profile - Stine Kramer Jacobsen

The research of Stine Kramer Jaconsen (SKJ) is focused within studies of ecological dynamics between pests and their natural enemies, primarily arthropod predators, and biological control strategies. She has experience with biodiversity studies of plants and insects within cropping systems of strawberry and apple, its impact on pest and predator occurrence and is also investigating predator-prey dynamics by molecular methods (PCR). During her PhD she was a part of the international research project IMBICONT (Improved biological control for IPM in fruits and berries), and is currently working as a post doc in the projects EcoOrchard and PROTECFRUIT, investigating the impact of two types of wild flower strips on predator-prey dynamics in apple orchards. Publications include a peer reviewed article: Jacobsen, S.K., Alexakis, I., Sigsgaard, L. (2015) Antipredator responses in *Tetranychus urticae* differ with predator specialization. Journal of Applied Entomology. And an IOBC proceeding: Jacobsen, S.K., Eilenberg, J., Kingen, I., Sigsgaard, L. (2014) Different behavioral responses in specialist and generalist natural enemy interactions (predators and fungi) in a strawberry-mite pest system. From the IOBC VIII Workshop on Integrated Soft Fruit Production, Pergine Valsugana, Italy, May 2014.

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Nationality	French
Date of birth	22/06/1977

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** Improvement of the efficiency and resilience of organic fruit systems, focusing on pests and diseases control.

SKILLS:	
Agronomy	Organic cropping systems
	Pests and diseases control
Network & dissemination	Experience in setting-up on-station and on-farm experimental studies
	Knowledge of the stakeholders in organic fruit production Multi-stakeholders dissemination
WORK EXPERIENCE	
• Date	Since 2012
<ul> <li>Name of employer</li> </ul>	ITAB Technical Institute for Organic Farming, FRANCE
<ul> <li>Description</li> </ul>	Management of the organic fruit commission
Date	Since 2009
<ul> <li>Name of organisation</li> </ul>	GRAB Research Group for Organic Farming
Description	Pests and diseases control in organic fruit systems, research in copper alternatives, assessment of cropping practices impacts, on-farm networking.
• Date	2006-2008
<ul> <li>Name of employer</li> </ul>	SENuRA, experimental station FRANCE
<ul> <li>Description</li> </ul>	Assessment of cropping practices to control Walnut blight
Date	2002-2006
<ul> <li>Name of employer</li> </ul>	INRA
Description	Modelling of walnut tree growth and light interception using 3D virtual plants
Diplom	PhD Student
• Date	2001
<ul> <li>Name of employer</li> </ul>	INRA
<ul> <li>Description</li> </ul>	Agronomic assessment of new training systems for apple orchards through a on-farm plot network
Diplom	Engineer diploma
STUDIES	
Dates	2001-2002
Name	Postgraduate diploma in Ecology, University Paris 6, INA Paris-Grignon, ENS
<ul> <li>Title of qualification</li> </ul>	Postgraduate diploma in Ecology, specialization in functionnal ecology
Dates	1999-2001
Name	Agro-Montpellier School, Advanced Institute of Agricultural Science and Natural Resource Studies

Title of que	ualification awarded	Agricultural engineer, specialization in Plant Production and Resource Protection
MOTHER 1	T <b>ONGUE</b> OTHER LANGUAGE	FRENCH ENGLISH, SPANISH

### PUBLICATIONS

Parveaud C.E, Brenner J., Ondet S.J., Gomez C., Libourel, Warlop, Brun L., Mercier V., Clauzel G., Audergon J.M. 2015. Assessment of diseases susceptibility of peach cultivars in experimental plots and on-farm for organic and low-input systems. Baseline of French case studies. Symposium INNOHORT, ISHS, Avignon 8-12 June 2015.

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Parisi L., Gros C., Combe F., Parveaud C.E., Gomez C., Brun L. 2013. Impact of a cultivar mixture on scab, powdery mildew and rosy aphid in an organic apple orchard. *Crop Protection* 43, 207-212.

Gomez C., Parveaud CE., Libourel G., Romet L., Warlop F., Brun L., Simon S., Pouzoulet D., Delebecq A., Laurens F., Oste S., Tournant L. Sensibilité variétale aux maladies et ravageurs. Anciennes et nouvelles variétés en AB : Puceron cendré du pommier. Fiche n°7. Arboriculture Fruitière, March 2012.





CURRICULUM VITAE

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## 1. Education

- October 1989 July 1990, post- doctoral fellowship, Eco-physiology of cold resistance in insect parasitoids, Agriculture Canada Research Station, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec
- 1988 PhD thesis in Ecology, population Biology, Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Faculty of Sciences, Department of Biology.
- 1982, Msc in Zoology, Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), (UCL), Faculty of Sciences, Louvain-La-neuve
- 1980, Bachelor in Biology, University of Namur (UN), Belgium

## **<u>2. Scientific Career</u>**

- 1982 1985 graduate fellowship from IRSIA, Belgium
- 1985 1988 research assistant, IRSIA, Ecology and Biogeography Research Unit, UCL
- 1989-1991 Senior Research assistant FNRS, Ecology and Biogeography Research Unit, UCL & Post Doc Agriculture Canada Research Station, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec
- 1991- 1998 Research associate FNRS, Ecology and Biogeography Research Unit, UCL
- 1996, Lecturer part time, UCL.
- 1998, Lecturer full time
- 2000, Professor, UCL
- 1996 to 2005, Head of the Ecology and biogeography research unit, UCL
- Founder and past president of the Biodiversity research centre (BDIV), UCL
- Founder and past director of the Doctoral school on Biodiversity (EDIV), UCL
- Co-founder (2004) of VIRIDAXIS, SA, Spin off of UCL and member of the advisory board
- September 2005 to August 2009, President of the Biology Department, UCL
- Octobre 2006, Senior Professor, UCL
- 2006-2009: Invited professor to the "Institut national d'agriculture, Tunis, INAT".
- 2012, Head of the biodiversity section of the Earth and Life Institut
- 2012, Vice-president of the Earth and Life Insitute

## 3. Prizes and honors

- 1) Travel fellowship, Ministère de la Communauté Française (1988), 92/100
- 2) Nato fellowship, 1989-1990, 10 months of postdoctoral stay in Canada
- 3) OCDE fellowship October 1994, 3 weeks stay in a research station of the Japan Ministry of Agriculture, , NIVOT, Kanaya, Dr. Yamaguchi.
- 4) Price Adolphe Wetrens 2001, Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Art, Belgium.
- 5) 2001, Invited professor FNDP, Namur, Ecoethology, 15h
- 6) May 2002, Invited professor, University of Rennes1, France.
- 7) Octobre 2003 : Honorary award for an outstanding contribution to forestry research in Romania, Ministry of Forest, Water and Environment, Romania

## 4. Publications

- 132 publications in international journals
- One patent
- 9 book chapters
- 28 publications in proceedings or national journal
- Cited 2805 times, H factor = 30 according to Google Scholar, 1507 citation and 21 factor H according to Scopus

## 5. Member of Jurys and selection or advisory boards

- Past Member of the Research Council of the Catholic University of Louvain
- Past Member of the research commission of the department of Biology (UCL)
- Member of the "Communauté Française de Belgique" jury for doctoral fellowship attribution (FRIA), since 1992
- Past Member of the advisory board of the Belgian Zoological Society
- Past Member of the Animal Biology commission, FNRS, Belgium (1998-2008)
- Project ranking in 1999 for the German Biodiversity Program
- Past Member of the Biosafty advisory council of the Belgian Government (1998-2010)
- Reviewer for several scientific journals : Biocontrol, Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment, Journal of Economic Entomology, Journal of Environmental Entomology, Journal of Insect Physiology, PlosOne, European Journal of Entomology, Oikos, Journal of European entomology...
- President of all PhD Juries of the Biology department (UCL), 2005-2009.
- Since 1995, PhD Jury member of at least 3 PhDs per year for Biologist or bioengineer students at the UCL, Belgium. In other Belgian University, jury member of 4 PhD thesis, Université Libre de Bruxelles (2001 et 2003, 2011) and 3 for Agrobiotech (2011 Gembloux (2003). In France, jury member of 4 PhD thesis at University of Rennes1 in 1999, 2002 and 2003, 2011, one in University St Denis, La Réunion (2009), one in Montpellier SupAgro (2010), and one in Lyon, Claude Bernard University (2011). In Tunisia, member of the jury of two thesis, INAT Tunis (2006 and 2015). In Holland, jury Member of 1 thesis, University of Amsterdam (2012) and in Sweden, jury member of 1 Thesis, University of Oslo, 2014, 2015 Jury member of 1 thesis University of Lile (France) and 1 thesis University of Auckland, New Zeeland.

## 6. Participation to international congress and meetings

- Participation to more than 51 international meetings or congress. Chairman and/or keynote speaker of several sessions. Abstract list available on request
- Organisation of « Biodiversity, from genes to landscape » UCL, 13-15 December2000, à Louvain-la-Neuve and The international biodiversity congress, April 2004, Louvain-la-Neuve
- Co-organiser of the Benelux Congress of Zoology, November 2004, Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium
- Organizer of the 2010 "Conférence International francophone d'entomologie", 5 10 July 2010, Louvain-la-Neuve, 220 attendents
- Organiser of the "Réunion des Entomophagistes" 2-6 April 2014, Louvain-la-Neuve
- Member of the International Organizing Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Entomology Conference, Kuching, Malaysia, 8- 12 November
- Keynote speaker of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Entomology Conference, Kuching, Malaysia, 8-12
   November

## 7. Thesis and post-doc

- Supervisor of 21 PhD thesis since 1997.
- Present supervisor of 8 PhD thesis
- Supervision of 14 Post-docs since 1997

## **<u>8. Recent research projects and Financial supports:</u>**

- FRFC, 2012-2016. 12.500 €/year + 1 post-doc. Aims : Role of endosymbionts in Aphids.

This project is a collaboration with the laboratories of Professors Lognay, Haubruge, Francis Wathelet of the University of Liège and Professor Thonart from the Walloon Center of Industrial Biotechnology. Coordinator Thierry Hance

- -WBGREEN, 1.122.170 € (232.000 :Thierry Hance) Insectech
  - Aims: Technology of insect mass rearing 2013-2014
- PPP, Region Wallonne, Biopsylla, 970.000 €, 2013-2017

Aims: An analysis of the physiology of psylla nutrition

- PPP Project Région Wallonne, MOUCHE

**Aims:** Research of the factors determining the attractiveness of flies (Musca domestica) to various agents to improve control and reduce the amount of insecticides in the barn.200000 euros, Collaboration with Belgagri S.A. 2014-2016.

- FSR-Marie-Curie, 2013-2015. Optifield

**Aims:** Optimal behaviour implementation: from the field complexity to laboratory simplification.

- Beware Academia project : Design of an industrial rearing system of egg parasitoids of moth pests in agriculture. Total budget : 348 840 €, Europe and Wallonia, 2014-2017
- Beware Academia: Chemical communication in domestic housefly. Total budget : 360 000€, Europe and Wallonia, 2016-2019

# Curriculum Vitae

Marco Tasin

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# EDUCATION

Ph.D. September 2005

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Alnarp, Sweden), Department of Crop Science, Division of Chemical Ecology. Major: Pheromones and plant volatiles for safe insect control; Minors: Horticulture, Viticulture, Pest Science.

# M.S. October 1997

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Padova, Italy. Department of Entomology. Major: Monitoring tools for pheromone mating disruption; Minors: Horticulture, Modelling, Pest Control.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current position: Researcher (2012-)

Integrated Plant Protection Division, SLU, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Alnarp, Sweden

### 2012-2014

In collaboration with the advisory service, the growers, the industry and the researchers, to develop an integrated pest management strategy based on semiochemicals for the control of lepidopteran pests in Swedish apple orchards. Major targets will be the apple fruit moth *Argyresthia conjugella*, the codling moth *Cydia pomonella* and the leafrollers, *Adoxophyes orana, Archips podana, Archips rosana, Pandemis heparana* and *Spilonota ocellana* 

Behavioral effect of volatile signals from the habitat background on insect host-selection (*Argyresthia conjugella*)

Financed by SLF, Sweden (project #: H1156188)

## 2015-2017

Enhancement of pest resiliency in orchards through a synergy between the use of semiochemicals and conservation biological control. Such a strategy aims at keeping pest populations under a damage threshold through the improvement of ecosystem services and the decrease in the use of conventional pesticides. This is expected to promote increasing profits to growers and economic development in rural areas. The effect of the synergy will be focused on aphids, leafrollers and their natural enemies.

Financed by FORMAS (Young Researcher Grant #: brg0313-st2)

Post-doc research fellowships (2005-2010)

IASMA Research and Innovation Center, Foundation Edmund Mach, Italy

*Lobesia botrana* (field study on the effect of dispenser density on mating disruption efficacy; interaction between grape-born microorganisms and grapevine moth egg-laying females both at an ecological and a pest management level)

*Cydia pomonella* (behavioural and physiological screening of plant volatiles and sexpheromones; impact of hail nets on mating disruption in apple orchards; assessing efficacy of mating disruption by release and recapture of males in net-cages)

*Argyresthia conjugella* (wind tunnel response to host and non-host plant odours; field development of a lure for monitoring based on the rowan odour)

*Ostrinia nubilalis* (study on the effect of the smell from an ancestral host-plant on assortative meeting; interaction between plant odors and insect sex-pheromone; are

plant odors playing a role in maintaining reproduction isolation in sympatry?)

PhD study (2002-2005)

Chemical Ecology Division, SLU, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Alnarp, Sweden.

Description: Identification of new pheromone compounds and plant volatiles mediating mate and host-finding in grapevine moth. Field and laboratory evaluation of pheromone mating disruption technique. Chemical, electrophysiological and behavioral analysis of vegetative volatiles of grapevine, apple and other host-plants.

Field consultant and trade manager (1999-2001)

Grower Cooperative Society of Bolzano (Italy) Description: Technical advisor in crop protection and cultivation for grape and apple growers.

Master and technician experience (1994-1999)

IASMA Research and Innovation Center, Foundation Edmund Mach, Italy

Implementation of area wide mating disruption for codling moth control in apple orchards through a participatory research program. In collaboration with the advisory service, the growers and the researchers, I participated in the successfully introduction of the mating disruption technique on a 40 hectares experimental area in the district of Lavis (Trento).

Farm manager and grower (1988-2012)

Description: Management of our family farm. Organic and Integrated Protection of grapevine and apple in Trento (Italy). Cultivation of rootstocks and apple trees.

# Scientific reviewing for peer reviewed journals

Scientific Reports Pest Management Science Arthropod plant interaction Journal of Applied Entomology Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata Canadian Entomologist Journal of Chemical Ecology Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry Naturwissenshaften Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution Journal of Pest Science

# <u>Awards</u>

Aldo Gini Foundation, University of Padova (Italy): Grant for a young researcher working outside Italy (2003)

Bioforsk Innovation (Norway): price for the development of a field attractant for the apple fruit moth (2011); patent application 12185428.5-2103 (European Patent Office)

From 2007-2012 I was elected as Convenor of the working group: "Pheromone and other semiochemicals in integrated control", International Organization for Biological Control, Western Paleartic Region (wprs IOBC). The task of this convenorship is to organize biennial meetings within the working group in order to facilitate the exchange of information between scientists and technicians from all over the and actively promote the implementation of Integrated Pest Management into practice. From 2012 I am the deputy Convenor of the working group.

# Organization of meetings and conferences

"Semiochemicals without borders", Conference of the working group: "Pheromone and other semiochemicals in integrated production", International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC). Budapest (Hungary), November 9-14 2009. 110 participants.

"Semiochemicals: the essence of green pest control", Conference of the working group: "Pheromone and other semiochemicals in integrated production", International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC). Bursa (Turkey), October 1-5 2012. 105 participants.

# Editorial activity

IOBC/wprs Bulletin, Vol. 41, 2009, Working Group "Pheromones and other Semiochemicals in Integrated Production". Proceedings of the meeting at Lund (Sweden), 9 - 14 September 2007. Edited by: Marco Tasin & Peter Witzgall. ISBN 978-92-9067-215-9.

IOBC/wprs Bulletin, Vol. 72, 2012, Working Group "Pheromones and other Semiochemicals in Integrated Production". Proceedings of the meeting at Budapest (Hungary), 9-14 November 2009. Edited by: Marco Tasin, Zsolt Karpati and Miklos Toth. ISSN 1027-3115.

IOBC/wprs Bulletin, Vol. 99, 2014, Working Group "Pheromones and other Semiochemicals in Integrated Production". Proceedings of the meeting at Bursa (Turkey), 1-5 October 2012. Edited by: Marco Tasin and Orkun Baris Kovanci. ISBN 978-92-9067-279-1.

# Project management, co-ordination and independently received research funding

Enhancement of pest resiliency in apple orchards through a synergy between semiochemicals and conservation biological control (Tasin Marco, 2015-2017, 5,9 MSek, Formas, Sweden)

Study of the control exerted by natural enemies over aphids and scales in apple orchards and the management factors affecting the natural regulation of pests they provide (Porcel Mario, Tasin Marco, Rämert Birgitta, 2013-2015, 2,7 MSek, SLF, Sweden)

Development of integrated plant protection strategies in apple orchards in co-operation with growers, advisors, pheromone companies and researchers (Tasin Marco, Rämert Birgitta, 2012-2014, 3,0 MSek, SLF, Sweden)

Development of a field lure to monitor the Apple Fruit Moth in Norway (Knudsen Geir, Tasin Marco, Kobro Sverre, 2008-2012, 1,2 MNok, SLF, Norway)

Interplay: on the interaction between microbes and pest (Tasin Marco, 2007-2010, 146000 €, Trento Province, Italy)

Interneuron (Anfora Gianfranco, Mazzoni Valerio, Tasin Marco, Trona Federica, 2009-2010, 310000 €, Trento Province, Italy)

PRIN (DeCristofaro Antonio, Lucchi Andrea, Ioriatti Claudio, Tasin Marco, Anfora Gianfranco, 2006-2008, 90000 €, Italian Ministry of University and Research)

# Teaching

I am current teaching in the following courses:

Agroecology Basics (responsible of the course) Agronomy Pest Management Plant protection (I and II) Urban Agriculture and Social Interactions Ecology Environmental issues in plant protection Ecology of production systems Research training project Insect chemical ecology (MSc and PhD course)

# **Supervision**

I co-supervised the PhD student Weronika Swiergiel (dissertation 2016-09-25)

I am currently the main supervisor of the PhD students Joakim Pålsson and co-supervisor of Patrick Sjöberg and Ilich Figueroa

MSc student supervision: Johanna Unger (2014) Charilaos Chouliaras (current) BSc student supervision: Cinna Cederlöf (2013) Therese Diderot (current) Research training project main supervision: Sherif Mohamed Hassan (2013), Daniele Pasini (2014), Katarina Kovarikova (2015) and Cristina Tha (current).

### Centre Wallon de Recherches Agronomiques (CRA-W)

#### Organization competences:

The Walloon Agricultural Research Centre is a Belgian public research institute that employs today over 430 people among them 120 scientists. This public institution maintains and develops scientific knowledge, skills and excellence for the sustainable development of the agriculture and the whole agro-food sector.

CRA-W has a long experience in Fruit Genetic Resources conservation evaluation and valorization, research on organic fruit production – especially cvs testing for better resilience, strategies for reducing pest and disease spray scheme input, functional biodiversity and alternative orchard designs for better resilience. These trials are followed in experimental orchards integrating eco-system services such as biodiversity, pollination, natural pest control, soil fertility and sustainable disease control strategies, to ensure yield security while minimizing unwanted side-effects. The Research Unit of Plant Breeding & Biodiversity has efficient facilities for evaluation of plant protection products and beneficial organisms including indoors screening bioassays, greenhouses and fully controlled environment climate chambers, field experimentations compliant with EPPO standardsSeveral hectares of experimental orchards are currently managed and unsprayed evaluation orchards are available for pest resistance assessments.

#### Key persons involved:

**Dr. Marc Lateur** (m), senior scientist, head of Plant Breeding & Biodiversity Unit and of the Fruit Genetic Resources & Breeding team. He is specialized in the evaluation of fruit cultivars for pest & disease resistance/tolerance, he is the current chairman of the ECPGR Working Group for *Malus & Pyrus* genetic resources; he is managing the fruit tree genetic resources collection, is leading apple and pear breeding programs and different research projects. Active member of the participative research group "Vergers + Durables" led by INRA Avignon (FiBL, SERIDA, IFPC, GRAB, CRA-W), bringing together scientists, advisors and growers.

**Dr. Laurent Jamar** (m), senior scientist, project manager. He developed scientific knowledge's and specific expertise in research for sustainable and organic agricultural systems (e.g. set-up of sustainable agroecosystems, biological controls, functional biodiversity applications and assessments, methodological expertise for pest and disease control studies, diseases identifications, environmental impact studies, life cycle analysis, ecological balance sheets, cultivars selections. He achieved numerous publications in specialized journals and various communications during scientific symposia. Active member of the participative research group "Vergers + Durables" led by INRA Avignon (FiBL, SERIDA, IFPC, GRAB, CRA-W), bringing together scientists, advisors and growers. Partner of the INTERREG IV "TransBioFruit" and of a CRA-W project dealing with research in organic fruit growing systems; currently partner. From 2015, he is partner of the Eranet Core Organic Plus "Eco-orchard" project.

#### **Relevant publications**

- Wateau K., Tournant L., Jamar L. (2009). Décoction de Quassia amara et lutte contre l'hoplocampe du pommier (*Hoplocampa testudinea* Klug). Actes des Journées Techniques Nationales Fruits et Légumes Biologiques, ITAB-GRAB, Paris, 8 & 9 décembre 2009, 25-30.
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- Wateau K., Tournant L., Jamar L., Oste S. (2011). Les ravageurs secondaires en verger de production biologique : recherche de nouvelles techniques de lutte contre *Hoplocampa testudinea* Klug et *Anthonomus pomorum* Linnaeus. AFPP - 4ème Conférence Internationale sur les Méthodes Alternatives en Protection des Cultures, 8, 9 & 10 mars 2011, Lille, France, pp. 535-545.
- Jamar L., Lateur M., Tournant L., Wateau K., Dewaegeneire P., Oste S., Montignies E., Thiran B., Delebecq A., Fitoussi J. (2016). Les principales clès du verger bio transfrontalier – Pommes et poires, une approches globale. Ed. Interreg IV TransBioFruit, pp. 84

### Relevant projects

- ERANET- CORE ORGANIC +, "ECO-ORCHARD": Innovative design and management to boost functional biodiversity of organic orchards; Coordinator: Lene Sigsgaard (DK); Countries involved: DK, FR, CH, SE, IT, DE, BE, PL & LV; 2015-2017.
- FruitBreedomics: EU FP7-KBE-2010-4-#265582 "Integrated approach for increasing breeding efficiency in fruit tree crops"; 2011-2015
- INTERREG Trans-border project TRANSBIOFRUIT "Trans-border cooperation on organic top fruit production. (together with North-France); 2011-2015.



### Organization competence

General Description: IRTA is a public research institution, part of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Action of the regional Government of Catalonia, Spain. IRTA's mission is to contribute to modernising, improving and boosting competitiveness, and fostering sustainable development in the sectors of, agriculture, animal and plant production, food technology, agroforestry, aquaculture, fisheries, the agro-food economy, and environment and global change, with the aim of consolidating a sustainable bio-based economy. Other areas of activity are those which are directly or indirectly related to the supply of healthy, high-quality foodstuffs to end consumers, food safety and safe processing of foodstuffs and in general enhancing the health and well-being of the population.

The research team belongs to the IRTA Fruit Program that is devoted to fruit, olive and nut production. R+D+T activities are grouped in plant material, crop technology, product quality, and environmentally friendly techniques for fruit production. Regarding environmentally friendly techniques for fruit production, this research team worked on: evaluation of apple resistant varieties and rootstocks to pests and diseases, non-chemical techniques to control fruit set, organic and integrated pest, diseases and weed management and in improving biodiversity as a key to enhance biological control.

### Key persons

#### Dr. Georgina Alins

Dr. Alins (Agronomist, University of Lleida) carried out the first Spanish PhD in organic apple production and has more than 10 years of experience in organic apple management, crop protection, ecological infrastructures, and evaluation of plant material. She has participated in 3 EU projects, 5 national projects and 8 private contracts. She published 4 SCI papers, more than 20 technical papers and she has contributed with poster and oral presentations in about 40 national and international congresses. She supervised 1 PhD student and 2 master students.

### Dr. Simó Alegre

Agricultural engineer (University of Lleida) with more than 20 years dedicated to fruit tree research. He is the chief of the Fruit Program of IRTA (10 Ph.D. Scientists, 31 technical staff and 2 Ph.D students). Dr. Alegre has participated in 18 Spanish and 9 European projects related to fruit quality, growing techniques, and organic agriculture. In these projects he has carried out scientific and administrative tasks, and has been involved in management committees. He has participated in 9 EU projects, 17 national projects, 56 private contracts and 18 patents. He published 20 SCI papers and about 90 technical papers and he has contributed with poster and oral presentations in about 50 national and international congresses. He has supervised 4 PhD students.

#### Relevant publications

Lordan J, S Alegre, R Moerkens, MJ Sarasua, G Alins. 2015. Phenology and interspecific association of *Forficula auricularia* and *Forficula pubescens* in apple orchards. Spanish Journal of Agricultural Research 13(1). 10.5424/sjar/2015131-6814.

Lordan J, S Alegre, F Gatius, M-J Sarasua, G Alins. 2015. Woolly apple aphid *Eriosoma lanigerum* Hausmann ecology and its relationship with climatic variables and natural enemies in Mediterranean areas. Bulletin of Entomological Research 105(1):60-69. 10.1017/s0007485314000753.

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Lordan J, S Alegre, R Blanco, MJ Sarasua, G Alins. 2014. Aggregation behavior in the European earwig: Response to impregnated shelters. Crop Protection 65:71-76. 10.1016/j.cropro.2014.07.005.

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Lordan J, G Alins, M-J Sarasúa. 2012. Diversity and abundance of spiders in the flora of the fruit area around Lleida (NE Spain). IOBC/WPRS Bulletin 75:123-126.

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FruitBreedomics: "Integrated approach for increasing breeding efficiency in fruit tree crops". FP7-KBBE, 265582, 2011-2015.

EFFIDRIP: "Enabling next generation commercial service-oriented, automatic irrigation management systems for high efficient use of water, fertilizers and energy in drip irrigated tree crops". FP7-SME, 286807. 2012-2014.

ECO-ZEO: "Developing a pool of novel and eco-efficient applications of zeolite for the agriculture sector". FP7-ENV, 282865, 2012-2016.

AGL2013-49164-C2 Control Integrado de Plagas en Cultivos Hortofrutícolas. 2014-2016.

# **Participant Profile**

### SERIDA – Villaviciosa, Asturias, Spain

Public Research Institute

www.serida.org



### General Description of the organisation

The Regional Institute for Research and Agro-Food Development (SERIDA) is a public organism of the Principality of Asturias (Spain) with its own legal personality, which was created through Asturian Law 5/1999. It carries out the agrarian and agrofood research programs within the Ministry of Livestock Farming and Natural Resources of the Government of the Principality of Asturias. SERIDA aims to contribute to the modernization and improvement of the capacities of the regional agro-food sector by promoting and carrying out research and technological development and innovation in order to improve productivity, profitability, diversity and competitiveness of Asturian agrofood sector, and increase returns on primary assets by the adequacy production systems that respect environment and also the marketing structure for high quality products

The SERIDA participates in the project through the Fruit Research Unit, whose main lines of work are:

- Conservation, characterisation and analysis of the genetic diversity of the apple and other fruit species.
- Evaluation, selection and breeding of apple cultivars for improvement of the resistance (rosy apple aphid, scab, ...), regular bearing and fruit quality. Studies on the plant – bio-aggressor relationship.
- Development of organic production systems in apple and other fruit trees adapted to local conditions.
- Sustainable plant protection, Interaction soil-tree, pollination and regulation of production.

#### Key persons involved

**Dr. Enrique Dapena (m)** studied Biology at the University of Oviedo until 1979. In 1996 he obtained his PhD degree with a research on "Agronomical and technological evaluation of Asturian apple cultivars" Since 1979 to 1982 he worked as part of a rural development plan, conducting a study to improve the cultivation of apple cider in a municipality of the cider shire. In 1985-1986 he made a research stay at INRA Rennes on technological evaluation of cider apple and cider making process and at INRA of Angers on breeding program of apple. In 1986 started to work as scientist in CEA (now SERIDA). Since 1989 to 1995 he was head of Cider Apple Program, since 1990 he is Curator of Apple Gene Bank and since 2006 he is head of Fruit Research Unit of the SERIDA. He has coordinated 32 national projects of research on genetic resources and breeding program of apple and improvement of apple production system and organic production adapted to local conditions, he has participated in two European projects, a Interreg SUDOE project "ECOVERGER" on extensive system of production in fruit orchards and in FruitBreedomic project. He has been the author of 34 scientific papers, three books and seven book chapters, 65 communications to congress and more 90 technical publications. Also he has coordinated and participated in numerous technical conferences and courses for technicians and growers...

**Dr. Marcos Miñarro (m)** studied Biology at the University of Oviedo until 1997. Since 1998 to 2002 he had a pre-doctoral grant to research in SERIDA and received his PhD degree at the same University of Oviedo in 2006. Since 2003 is working as researcher in SERIDA at the Fruit Research Unit. He is specialized in the study and development of apple production systems adapted to local conditions and to organic production and, more specifically, in plant protection. He worked extensively on

biological control and plant-pest interaction for sustainable control of several apple pests, such as the rosy apple aphid, codling moth or spider mites. He also works on the role of landscape and management on the biodiversity of pollinators and natural enemies and finally on the services of pollination and pest control.

#### **Relevant publications and projects**

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- 2014-2017. INIA RTA2013-00039-C03-01. Ecosystem services of pollination and pest control in woody crops: effects of landscape and management. Coord.: M. Miñarro
- 2010-2014. INIA RTA2010-00121-C02-01. Improving apple production systems in organic farming. Coord.: M. Miñarro.
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# Appendix 1. Partner planned activities on specific levers

Partner (contact person, institution, country)	Target insects	Processes & measures (number)	<b>Type of experiment</b> (on-station/ on-farm)	Details
<b>P1</b> . A. Alaphilippe, Sylvaine Simon, INRA Gotheron, France	Rosy Apple Aphid All pests present in South of France	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 4, 6	On-station, 5 experimental orchards (2 ha) Experimental hedgerows	Companion plants (among which rosemary): assessment of the repulsive/disruptive effect on aphids; ant diversion Test of a control strategy integrating most processes in field condition Orchard design
<b>P1.</b> Claire Lavigne, Hélène Gautier, Pierre Franck, Laurent Gomez, MOdile Jordan, Myriam Siegwart, INRA PSH, France	Rosy Apple Aphid Codling moth	1, 3, 4	French orchards above described	Shared simplified protocol to assess the effect of tree growth on the development of aphid colonies Estimation of pest suppression using sentinel preys (aphids and eggs) + PCR analyses of gut content Simplified description of the arthropod community Measures of VOC emitted by companion plants
<b>P1.</b> Nicolas Borowiec, Elodie Vercken, INRA ISA, France	Codling moth	6	On farm experiment (network of 4-5 farms)	Mass release of parasitoïds
<b>P2</b> . Lene Sigsgaard, Stine Kramer, UCPH, Denmark	Aphid complex Codling moth	4, 6	On-station, on farm (network of 8-10 farms)	Flower strips and hedge as sources of predators Bioassays of predators for mass-release against aphids
<b>P3.</b> CE Parveaud, Johanna Brenner, GRAB, France	Sawfly Insect pests of organic orchards	1, 6 3, 4	On- station and on-farm experiment	Using diffusers of essential oil used as repulsive/disruptive volatile organic compounds Measures to discourage pest development

<b>P4.</b> Thierry Hance, S. Demeter, UC Louvain, Belgium (Wallonie)	Rosy apple aphid	4, 6	On station experiments	Mass release of two parasitoid species, <i>Ephedrus cerasicola</i> and <i>Aphidius matricariae</i> and one predator <i>Aphidoletes aphidimyza</i>
<b>P5.</b> Marco Tasin, SLU, Sweden	Aphid complex and tortricid moths	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	On-station (2 plots) and on-farm experiment (network of 8 farms)	Ant diversion Introduction of trap plants
<b>P6.</b> Marc Lateur; Laurent Jamar, CRA-W, Belgium (Wallonie)	Rosy apple aphid	1, 2, 3, 4	On-station experiments	Assessment of cultivar susceptibility, work on possible trap plant and/or dilution effect Population monitoring
	Codling moth	6		Work on mass trapping (trapping system with light)
<b>P7.</b> Georgina Alins, IRTA, Spain	Aphids, including rosy apple aphid	4, 5, 6	On farm experiment (network of 8 farms)	Effect of flower strips, diversion of ants and introduction of shelters for earwigs on aphid colonies
<b>P8.</b> Enrique Dapena, Marcos Miñarro, SERIDA, Spain	Aphids, including rosy apple aphid	3, 4 4	On station experiments	<ul> <li>Effect of cultivars, rootstock and cropping system</li> <li>Role of landscape, hedges &amp; ground cover on aphid predator</li> </ul>
	Codling moth		On farm	Role of birds

# Appendix 2. Person.month breakdown

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		General						
		activities &						
	Country	management	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	Total	Comment
Sub-total INRA Gotheron	France	3.5	3.3	4.5	2	8	21.3	+Trainees 30 p.m.:
Sub-total INRA PSH	France	1	1	2	4.9	1	9.9	1 p.m. on WP1; 5 p.m. on
Sub-total INRA ISA	France	0.6	0.1	0.6	3	0.1		WP2; 22 p.m. on WP3;
P.1 TOTAL INRA	France	5.1	4.4	7.1	9.9	9.1	35.6	2 p.m. on WP4
P2. University of Copenhagen	Denmark	0.75	0.5	0.5	17.5	0.25	19.5	
P3. GRAB	France	0.75	0.75	3.25	3.5	0.75	9	+ Trainees: 6 p.m. on WP3
P4. Université Catholique de Louvain	Belgium (Wallonie)	0.5	2	1	7	0.2	10.7	
P5. Swedish University of Agricultural Science	Sweden	1	1	16	5	1	24	
P6. Centre Wallon de Recherche Agronomiques	Belgium (Wallonie)	0.5	1.5	1.6	6.9	0.2	10.7	
P7. Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentaries	Spain	1	2	5.5	12.25	2	22.75	
P8. Servicio regional de Investigacion y Desarrollo	Spain	1	1.5	1.5	15	0.2	19.2	
Agroalimentario								
TOTAL Project		10.6	13.65	36.45	77.05	13.7	151.45	+ Trainees 36 p.m.

# Appendix 3. Partner skills & expertise, relevant publications

Skills		Entomology			al ecology	Agronomy		ecology Agronomy Multicriteria assessment Othe				Othor	Publications
Partner	Pest control	Natural enemies	Taxonomy	Insect behaviour	VOCs identification	Tree Physiology	Production system	Efficacy & costs	Sustainability	Other	Fubilcations		
<b>P1</b> . INRA Gotheron	x	x	<b>X</b> (functional groups)			X (tree architecture)	х	x	x		Simon et al. 2010 ; 2012 ; 2016 Alaphilippe et al. 2008 ; 2016		
<b>P1</b> . INRA PSH	<b>X</b> mass rearing	x		X (tunnel)	х	<b>X</b> (tree nutrition)				X Landscape	Maalouly et al. 2015 Veres et al. 2013 Boreau de Roincé et al. 2013 Maalouly et al. 2013 Dib et al. 2010		
P1. INRA ISA	X mass rearing	x	x							X Landscape	Zboralski et al. 2016 Borowiec et al. 2016		
<b>P2</b> . UCPH	х	x	x								Sigsgaard et al. 2006 Sigsgaard 2010 Sigsgaard et al. 2013		
<b>P3</b> . GRAB	x	x					х				Parveaud et al. 2014 Parisi et al. 2013 Gomez et al. 2012 Dib et al. 2012		
P4. UC Louvain	х	x		х						Modelisatio n (DSS tool)	Hance et al. 2007 Stilmant et al. 2008 Dumont et al. 2011 Boivin et al. 2012 Nicolas et al. 2015		
<b>P5</b> . SLU	х	x	х	x			х				Porcel et al. 2015 Sjöberg at al. 2015 Knudsen et al. (2015)		
<b>P6</b> . CRA-W	x	x					x				Wateau et al. 2009 Bellon et al. 2009 Kellerhals et al. 2012 Parisi et al. 2014 Wateau et al. 2011 Jamar et al. 2016		

<b>P7</b> . IRTA	x	x		X (tree architecture )	x		Lordan et al. 2014a Lordan et al. 2014b Lordan et al. 2015a Lordan et al. 2015b
P8. SERIDA	х	х		x	x		Rosa Garcia et al. 2014 Miñarro et al. 2003-2013

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## Appendix 4. Gantt chart, project deliverables and milestones

API-tree Gantt diagramme		2017						2018						2019	1				
	Tasks	M1	M3	M5	M7	M9	M11	M13	M15	M17	M19	M21	M23	M25	M27	M29	M31	M33	M35
General management	T0-1		L0-1			L0-3			L0-4			L0-5			L0-6		🔰 LO-7	7	<b>VL0-8</b>
	то-2																		
	T0-3				L0-2														
WP1 - Methodological	T1-1	L1-1	M1-1												_				
and organizational aspects	T1-2	L1-2						L1-4						L1-6					
for knowledge sharing	T1-3	L1-3	M1-2					L1-5						L1-7					L1-8
WP2 - Design of systems		Wi	Experie	ence sha	ring on o	rchard d	esign	WSh	Orchar	d co-des	ign			WSh	Orchar	d co-des	ign	Wf	
with lever combinations &		5		L2-1						L2-2						L2-4			
orchard co-design	T2-1																		L2-5
-	T2-2										L2-3								L2-6
WP3 - Knowledge	T3-1	L3-1																	
enhancement	to T3-4	L3-2						M3-1			L3-3				_	L3-4	M3-2		
WP4 - Multicriteria	T4-1	L4-1		L4-2	M4-1			M4-2						L4-3					
assessment	T4-2																L4-4		L4-5
$\bigtriangledown$ Kick-off meeting		Wi	Initial	Worksh	ор			Lx-y	Deliver	able									
Video conference		WSh	Works	hop with	ı stakeho	lders		Mx-y	Milesto	one									
Vork meeting		Wf	Final W	/orkshop	o with sta	akeholde	rs												
End meeting																			

Work packages	Tasks	Activities	Deliverables Lx-y / Milestones Mx-y					
General management*	T0-1	Meetings, reporting	L0-1, L0-3, L0-4, L0-5, L0-6, L0-7 Meeting reports					
			L0-8 Final report					
	T0-2	Co-training						
	T0-3	Webpages	LO-2 Webpages available					
WP1 - Methodological	T1-1	Common framework	L1-1 Common framework finalized					
and organizational			M1-1 Common framework available					
-	T1-2	Sharing specific protocols	L1-2 Grid to analyse specific protocols					
aspects for knowledge			L1-4 Shared & harmonized specific protocols					
sharing			L1-6 Feedback on specific protocols					
	T1-3	Common experiments	L1-3 Common experiments: protocols					
			M1-2 Common protocols available					
			L1-5, L1-7 Feedbacks on common experiments					
			L1-8 Protocols available on-line (records)					
WP2 - Design of	T2-1, T2-2	Workshops	L2-1, L2-2, L2-4 Workshop reports					
systems with lever	T2-1	Orchard design	L2-5 Guideline for orchard design					
combinations &	T2-2	Co-design	L2-3 Report on co-design process					
orchard co-design			L2-6 Publication on orchard (co)design submitted					
	T3-1 to T3-4	Specific experiments on studied levers & common	L3-1 Detailed list of skills & experimental facilities of					
		experiments	partners					
WP3 - Knowledge			L3-2 Report on lacks of knowledge on studied processes					
•			M3-1, M3-2 (Parts of) studies on processes completed					
enchancement			and feedbacks to WP2					
			L3-3, L3-4 Publications or congress communications by					
			partners on specific experiments					
WP4 - Multicriteria		DEXiFruits adaptation to European contexts	L4-1 Demo on DEXiFruits tool (files)					
assessment			L4-2 Report on context specificities for tool adaptation M4-1 Context specificities identified M4-2 DEXiFruits adapted to each European context					
assessment	T4-1							
			L4-3 Feedback on advantages/ limits of the tool					
	T4 0	DEXiFruits use on experimented orchards	L4-4 Report on common results analysis					
	T4-2		L4-5 Final analysis & report					