

Πρόσκληση

**Σύγχρονες τάσεις και  
προκλήσεις στην  
καλλιέργεια μικρών  
οπωροφόρων**

Τετάρτη  
4 Νοεμβρίου 2019  
19:00 - 21:00

Αμφιθέατρο 1,  
Κτήριο Τάσος Παπαδόπουλος,  
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Το Τμήμα Γεωπονικών Επιστημών, Βιοτεχνολογίας και Επιστήμης Τροφίμων διοργανώνει ημερίδα με τίτλο:

## “Σύγχρονες τάσεις και προκλήσεις στην καλλιέργεια μικρών οπωροφόρων”

### Πρόγραμμα

- 19:00 - 19:15 Welcome remarks,  
**Dr. George Manganaris**
- 19:15 - 19:45 Current trends and challenges to soft fruit production: breeding for resilience and nutritional quality  
**Prof. Bruno Mezzeti**
- 19:45 - 20:15 Production of soft fruit crops and international competitiveness  
**Dr. Evangelos Tsormpatsidis**
- 20:15 - 20:30 Application of agricultural biostimulants as a novel sustainable practice to enhance production volumes and qualitative attributes of raspberry fruit  
**Nicolas Valanidis**
- 20:30 - 21:00 Συζήτηση

*Η ημερίδα υποστηρίζεται από την εταιρεία Mountain Berries Pitsillia μέσω του ερευνητικού προγράμματος SUBERBO που χρηματοδοτείται από το Ίδρυμα Έρευνας και Καινοτομίας.*

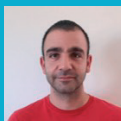
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## Βιογραφικά Ομιλητών



### **Bruno Mezzetti**

Full Professor since 2006 and Director of Department 2009-2015, now chair of the PhD school in Agriculture, Food and Environmental sciences. He has been author in 153 international scientific publications related to different aspects of plant breeding and biotechnology, fruit plant cultivation systems, fruit quality and health benefits for the consumer. Standard field breeding programs are combined with laboratory studies for the compositional characterization of the fruit bioactive compounds and to biotechnology approach to study and validate the function of genes related to important traits. Prof. Mezzetti is R&D project evaluator and editor in two SCI journals. He has been Coordinating 2 EU COST Actions COST (COST836, COST863) and the FP7 EUBerry Project ([www.euberry.univpm.it/](http://www.euberry.univpm.it/)) and several national Projects (MIUR, MIPAF, CNR). Currently, he is coordinating the – iPLanta ([http://www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions/ca/CA15223](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15223)) network and partner of the Horizon 2020 'Goodberry' project. Prof. Mezzetti is author of a total of 141 publications in ISI journals (IF:30) and several book chapters, topic review manuscripts and extension non-indexed publications. He has Chaired 3 ISHS symposiums and will chair the ISS2020 Strawberry symposium.



### **Evangelos Tsormpatsidis**

My research activity so far has been focusing on the physiology of small fruit crops (strawberry, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries). I am a graduate of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with a Msc and PhD from the University of Reading, UK. During my academic career I lectured in the undergraduate and postgraduate programs of the University of Reading related to small fruit crops. During my professional career, I was responsible for the Research & Development Department of the University of Reading, Soft Fruit Technology Group conducting applied research on soft fruit crops. Since 2012 I have been working as a head of research and development (R&D) for Berryplasma World LLC responsible for applied research on soft crops



## **Nicolas Valanides**

Nicolas Valanides has successfully accomplished his B.Sc in Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology and Food Science, specializing on Plant Production, at Cyprus University of Technology, with distinction. He practiced at the CUT Fruit Science Lab to elaborate his thesis on the Impact of harvesting day on mechanical properties, qualitative attributes and postharvest performance of two loquat cultivars. Alongside his studies, he was the recipient of two Erasmus+ Summer Internships. He additionally completed an Internship at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, in Greece, and at Berry-plasma (Patra, Greece), practicing on soft fruits, in Patra, Greece. He is currently M.Sc student at the Plant Biotechnology Master program of Cyprus University of Technology. Additionally, he is founder of the start-up company Mountain Berries Pitsilia N.V that aims to promote the Soft Fruit Organic production. The company currently manages 7000 m<sup>2</sup> ha of raspberries, blackberries, strawberries and blueberries and has already received a funding by the Research & Innovation Foundation of Cyprus.