

European Research Alliance towards a Chemical Pesticide-Free Agriculture CULTIVER PROTÉGER autrement





> Session 1, August 31th, 10:00-12:00 – The Context of the Webinar

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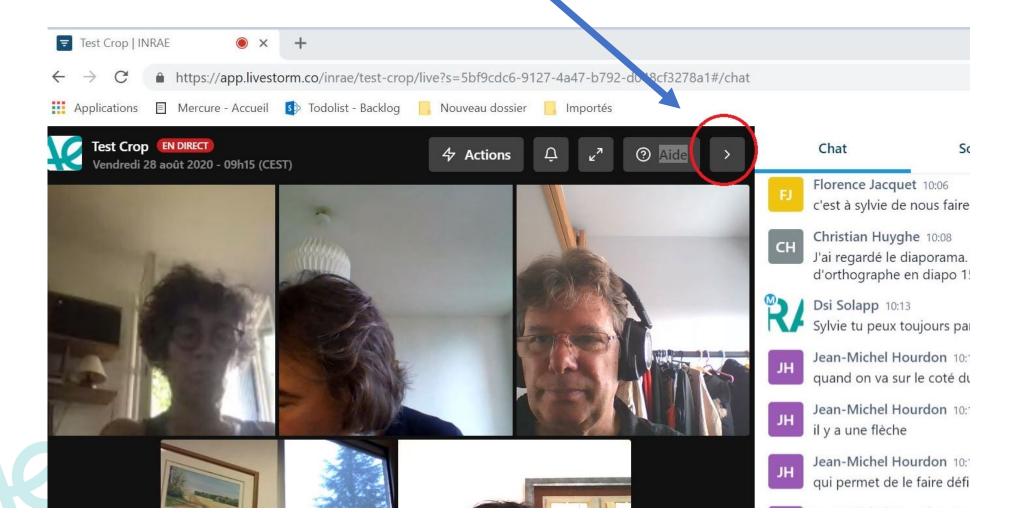
- Introduction and the French national priority research program "Cultiver et Protéger Autrement", Florence Jacquet, Inrae, scientific director of the program, 15 mn
- The foresight study "Pathways to chemical pesticide-free agriculture in Europe in 2050". **Olivier Mora**, Inrae-DEPE, coordinator 15 mn
- The webinar series "Crop protection and studies on the future of agriculture". Chantal Le Mouël, Senior researcher, Inrae -DEPE- 10 mn

Discussion with the floor – 20 mn, moderator **Guy Richard**, Head of Inrae's Directorate for Expertise, Foresight and Advanced Studies (DEPE)

 Crop protection and the EU food system: Where are they going? Allan Buckwell, Institute for European Environmental Policy, co-author of the Rise Foundation report 2020 – 30 mn



Questions on the Chat



> Why focusing research on 'towards pesticide-free agriculture '?

- A growing body of scientific evidence shows the negative impact of pesticides on health and the environment
- There is a new impetus in national and European public policies .
- The dependence of agriculture on pesticides is very strong. The difficulties to reach the goals of previous policies showed how the path-dependency hinder the change in production systems
- Incremental approaches showed their limits, as they don't allow to implement new paradigms
- Research must prepare the future, be ambitious, explore unknown avenues and come up with solutions that we do not expect.
- It should produce disruptive innovations allowing redesign of production systems
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French National Programme Cultiver et programmer autrement (Alternative crop production and protection)



> Cultiver et Protéger Autrement

Supported by the French Governement

- ≥30 millions euros
- ➤ 10 ambitious multi-disciplinary integrated research projects funded during 6 years addressing different issues
- Fundamental researches (TRL < 4) and their applications
- ➤ Social sciences involved
- ➤ Scientific animation all along the programme

> New paradigms, opening new possibilities in crop protection

Agroecology

- Biological regulations within an agroecosystem may provide ecosystemic services, including the regulation of pest and diseases
- Functional diversity inside agroecosystems → More biological regulation

Microbiomes

- Plants are hosting complex microbial communities on their leaves and roots. A disease outbreak may be regarded as a disequilibrium of these communities
- Exploring these communities and their functions to use them in crop protection

• Epidemiology/epidemiosurveillance

 Digitalisation/Sensors for detection /IA networks / → rethink the paradigm and tools for epidemiosurveillance

Plant immunity

• Sustainable management of Genetic resistance to pest and disease in a broader context, "ecological immunology" → Plant immunity

Chemical ecology

Insect behaviour is strongly determined by the volatile chemical environments (mating disrupting .. And beyond)



Programme scientific animation

• Why?

- ➤ Build bridges among research projects. Consider the overall expected impacts of the programme
- Connect research communities to stakeholders. Carry out concerted actions with non-academic partners
- > Disseminate the results obtained during the projects
- > Strengthen the link with Europe and international

• How?

- ➤ In itinere projects and programme Impact assessment
- > international scientific conferences and stakeholders meetings
- > Publications of diverse dissemination documents
- > Foresight "Pathways to chemical pesticide-free agriculture in Europe in 2050"





> Do not forget to register for the 3 next webinars

- 10 september: futur of agriculture at national scales
- 24 september: futur of agriculture at european scale
- 12 october: futur of agriculture at global scale

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