

# Punti salienti dell'XI *International Symposium on Kiwifruit* 2024 in Nuova Zelanda



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# Il convegno in numeri...

20-23 Febbraio 2024 Mont Maunganui – Conveners Sarah Pilkington & Juliet Ansell

## 1 Plenary Keynote

*Planetary Facts of a Kiwifruit* (Kate Meyer)

## 2 Keynotes

*Kiwifruit vine decline syndrome and other emerging and re-emerging biosecurity challenges*

(Francesco Spinelli)

*Boy meets Girl, everywhere? Mysteries in neo-sex chromosome evolution in kiwifruit* (Takashi Akagi)

**Sessioni orali parallele n. 17**

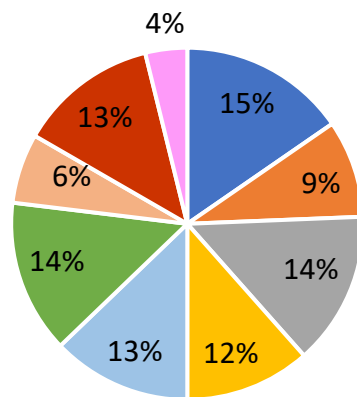
**Presentazioni Orali n. 78**

**Workshop n. 2**

**Poster n. 42**

**Partecipanti n. 230**

- Fruit quality
- Postharvest
- Flower and Fruit biology
- KVDS & Pathogens
- Breedings
- Rootstocks and management
- Kiwiberries
- Carbon, budbreak e dormancy
- Other





It's NEVER BEEN MORE

# Urgent - for our growers



Hawke's bay  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2023



Hawke's bay  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Buried by mud and silt, New Zealand's farms face '10-year recovery' - picture essay**

Livelihoods in tatters after months of relentless rain and extreme weather - and the clean-up is just beginning

by [Tess McClure](#) in Auckland

Karyn Maddren (L) and Sue Menezes (R) walk down a layered rock waterfall scoured by a huge landslide on their sheep farm. Photograph: Fiona Goodall/Getty Images

Wed 8 Mar 2023 10:31 GMT

**K**aryn Maddren walks out into the ruins of her stud farm, and stands in front of the waterfall. A month earlier, it was a green hillside. Now, the dirt has fallen away, exposing the golden-ribbed sandstone beneath. Water washes over the rocks, running clear now, carrying the last of the silt downstream.

"That particular slip has transformed into something very, very pretty," Maddren says.

"When you're at the bottom and you turn

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**'Never seen rain like that': Farmers assess damage, tonnes of crops possibly wiped out**

By [John Weir](#)

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**NZ homeowner devastated by flood aftermath**

NOW PLAYING - Focus: NZ homeowner devastated by Auckland flood aftermath

Trustar Malsuria, an NZ homeowner arrives to survey the damage to his Don Buck Road home. Video / Dean Purcell ...

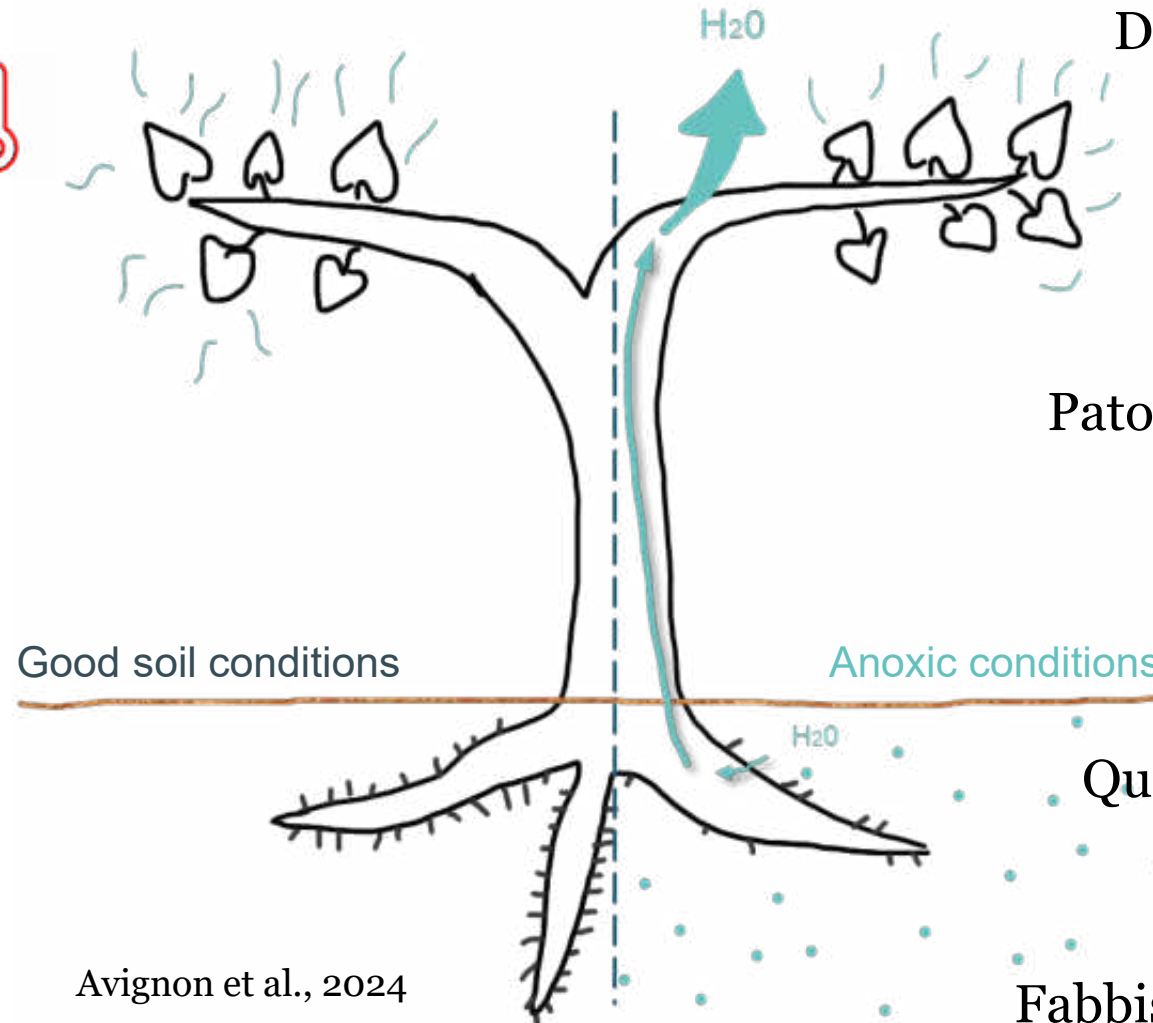
Farmers around Auckland are assessing damage after last night's deadly downpour amid reports

# CRITICITA' dell'ACTINIDICOLTURA

## Cambiamenti climatici

Elevata Domanda evapotraspirativa  
Deficit idrico ambientale

Condizioni del suolo –  
Perdita di qualità  
Eccesso idrico



Patogeni emergenti

Qualità del frutto

Fabbisogni del mercato

Moria dell'actinidia

Fabbisogno in freddo  
Schiusura gemme

Uniformità fioritura

Avignon et al., 2024

# Cosa sta facendo la ricerca

## Programmi di miglioramento genetico

- ✓ Portinnesti
- ✓ Cultivar

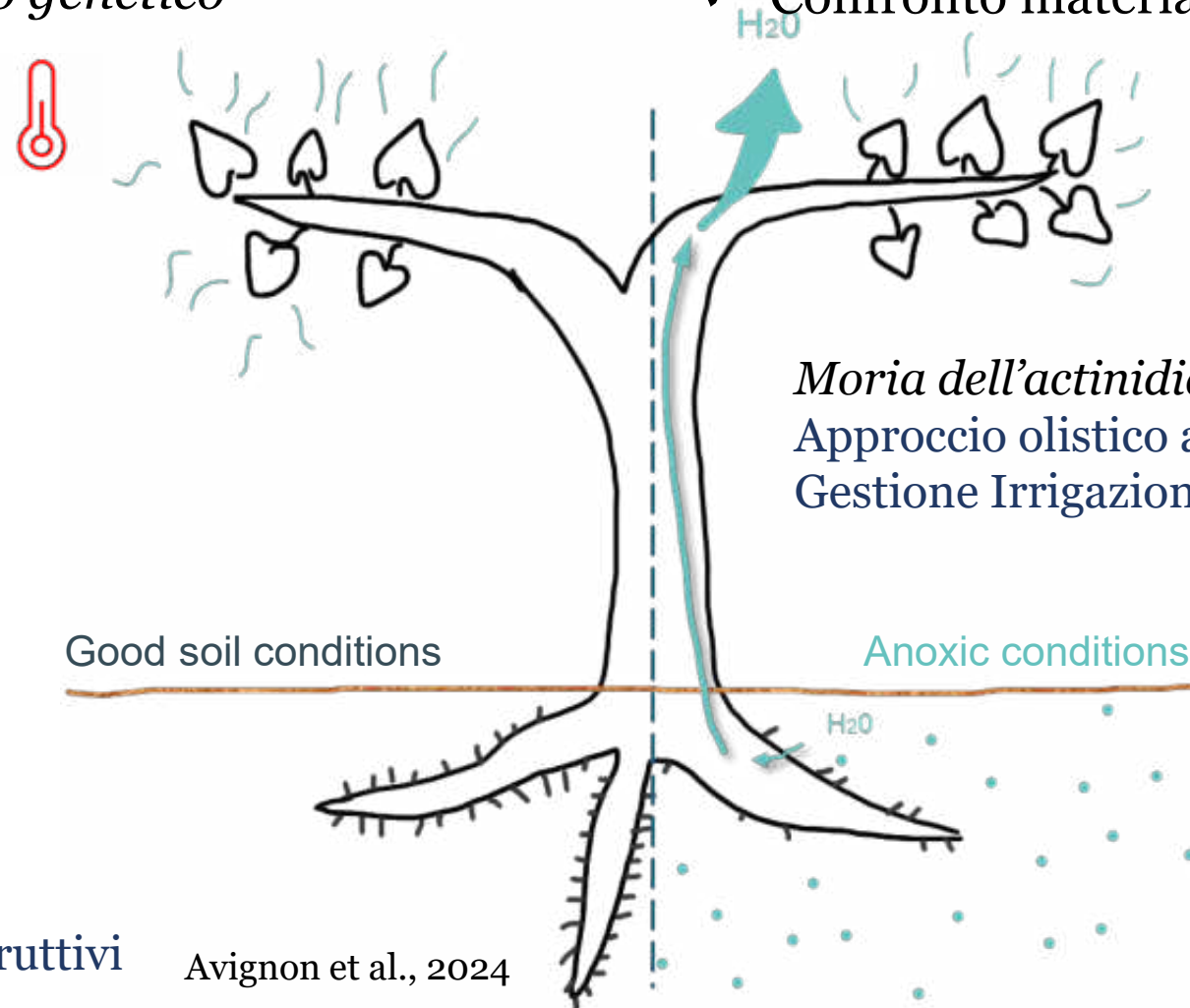
*Gestione del frutteto*  
Ottimizzazione delle Riserve  
Bilancio vegeto-produttivo

## Qualità dei frutti

- ✓ Metodi di Detection non distruttivi

## Fabbisogno in freddo

- ✓ Conoscenze dei meccanismi
- ✓ Nuovi prodotti
- ✓ Confronto materiale genetico



## Moria dell'actinidia

Approccio olistico all'agrosistema –  
Gestione Irrigazione e Suolo

Avignon et al., 2024

## Postharvest

- ✓ Ottimizzazione condizioni ambiente controllato


# Session: Breeding & genetics

Programmi di miglioramento genetico

Cultivar con elevata sostanza secca



指标	位
果实重 Weight	96.0 g
最大果重 Max weight	128.0 g
可溶性固形物 Soluble solids content	18%-21%
干物质 Dry matter	21%-25%
可溶性糖 Soluble sugar	9.6-12%
总酸 Total acid	0.5-0.8%
维生素C Vitamin C	70-90 mg/100g
产量 Yield	1500-1700 (kg/ha)



## Ming Xu

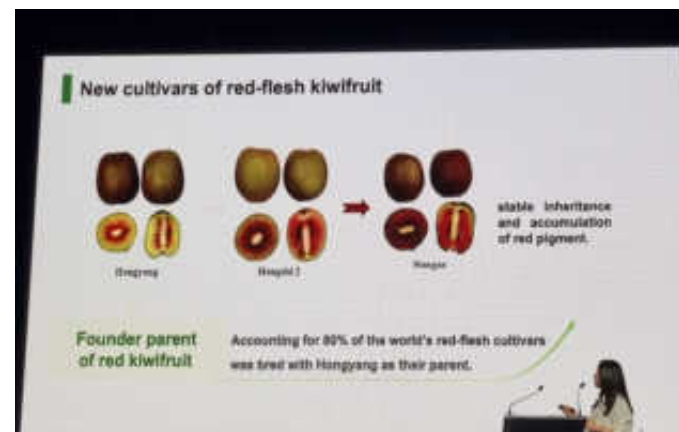
The breeding of the new kiwifruit cultivar 'Ruiyu' with green flesh

## Mingzhang Li

Breeding on red-flesh and yellow-flesh kiwifruit in Sichuan China

## Guanglian Liao

A sweet flavor kiwifruit (*Actinidia eriantha*) cultivar



Contenuto in  
solidi solubili

**19%~22.2%**

*Actinidia eriantha* Dr. Guanglian Liao

# Sessions: Breeding & genetics – Rootstocks and water management

Programmi di miglioramento genetico  
Portinnesti

**Ella Maxwell – Zespri**

Establishing a new cultivar development programme in Italy

**Jinbao Fang** - Zhengzhou Fruit Research Institute, CAAS, China  
Explanation of Response to Waterlogging in Kiwifruit

**Kentaro Ono** - Kagawa University, Japan  
Trial of hydroponic cultivation of kiwifruit using wet tolerant rootstock,  
*Actinidia macrosperma*

**Alba Mininni** – Università degli studi della Basilicata  
Effects of kiwifruit rootstocks on physiological responses of grafting  
combinations under waterlogging stress

Hayward



D1



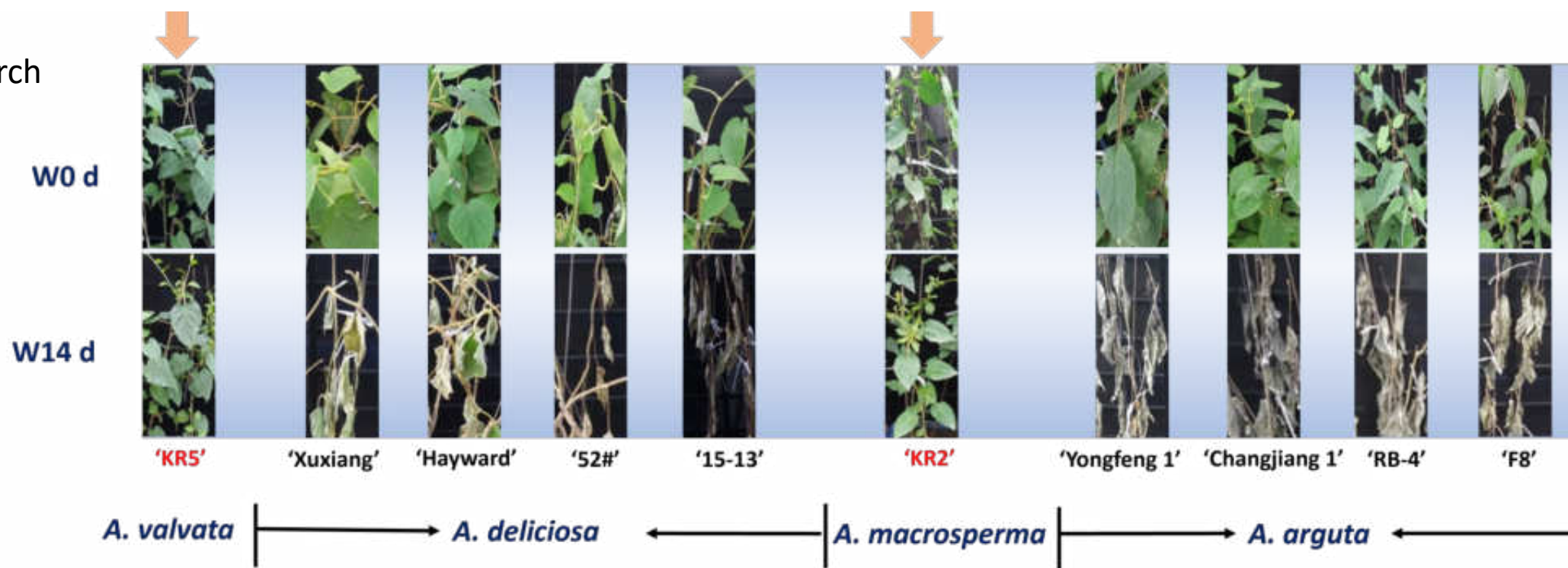
Bounty 71



Estendere areali di produzione e  
rispondere al mercato kiwi a liv globale

*Principali sfide/caratteri*

- Vigoria
- Fabbisogno in freddo
- Affinità con cv.
- Tolleranza ad eccesso idrico
- Comportamento in diversi areali



- The waterlogging tolerance order is **'KR2' > 'KR5' > '15-13' > 'Yongfeng 1'**.

'KR5' and 'KR2' tolleranti all'eccesso idrico mantengono la crescita, attività radicale e fotosintetica

Lo stress da eccesso idrico induce espressione di fattori di trascrizione ERF-VII nelle radici, regolando la risposta all'ipossia, metabolismo secondario e radicali liberi, meccanismi che conferiscono tolleranza.



1-year-old *A. chinensis* var *chinensis* (cv 'Zesy 002') vines grafted on 3 different rootstocks

➤ Hayward

*A. chinensis* var *deliciosa*

➤ D1

➤ Bounty 71

*A. macrocarpa*

2 irrigation treatments: Ctrl e WL

Bounty 71 dopo 9 giorni di Eccesso idrico manifesta stessi sintomi di riduzione dell'attività fotosintetica e scambi gassosi di Hayward e D1

Hayward



D1



Bounty 71



1/3 submersion

# Session 1B: Kiwifruit vine decline syndrome – Moria

**Marianne Avignon – INRAE, France**

A new method to assess early kiwifruit decline with Sentinel-2A satellite images

**Adriano Sofo – Università degli studi della Basilicata**

A new systemic approach for promoting soil and plant health in G3 orchards to face kiwifruit vine decline syndrome (KVDS)

**Shahjahan Kabir – Plant & Food Research New Zealand**

*Phytophthora* biodiversity in New Zealand kiwifruit

**KEYNOTE: Francesco Spinelli - Università degli studi di Bologna**

Kiwifruit vine decline syndrome and other emerging and re-emerging biosecurity challenges



✓ *Approccio olistico all'agrosistema*  
Gestione Irrigazione  
Gestione suolo: Inerbimento,  
ammendanti organici, drenaggio

✓ *Uso Sentinel2 per Definizione del grado  
severità e avanzamento nel tempo*

Degradazione suolo, impoverimento, Eccesso idrico → Disbiosi

Ruolo del Microbioma del suolo



## Visite in campo



Pukehina, New Zeland

Suolo pesante

Sintomi moria a livello fogliare e app. radicale

Irrigazione singola ala gocciolante

Incisione anulare applicata in pianta giovane



Cambio caratteristiche del Suolo a 15 cm

# Session 4A: Budbreak and dormancy

**Rongmei Wu**

DNA methylation reprogramming during the transition from winter dormancy to growth resumption in kiwifruit

**Charlotte Voogd**

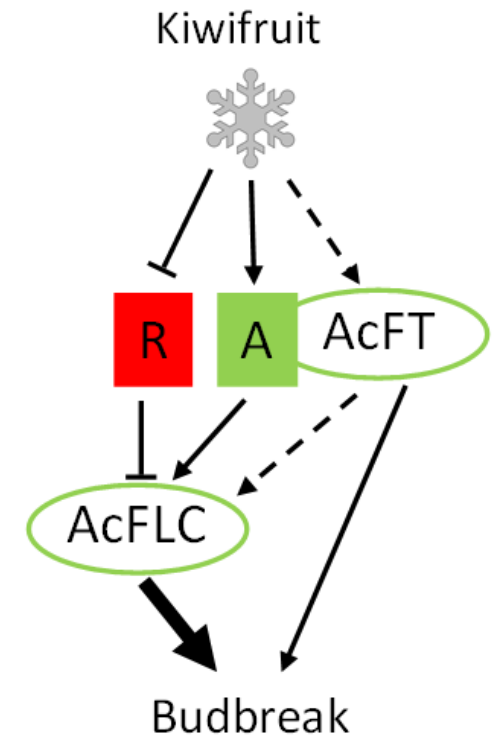
Unravelling the genetic control of budbreak in kiwifruit (*Actinidia chinensis*) – analysis of a cold-responsive *FLC-like* gene

**Luca Sebastiani**

Enhancing budbreak in kiwifruit: study of biological mechanisms involved in dormancy release and alternative potential products to the Hi Cane

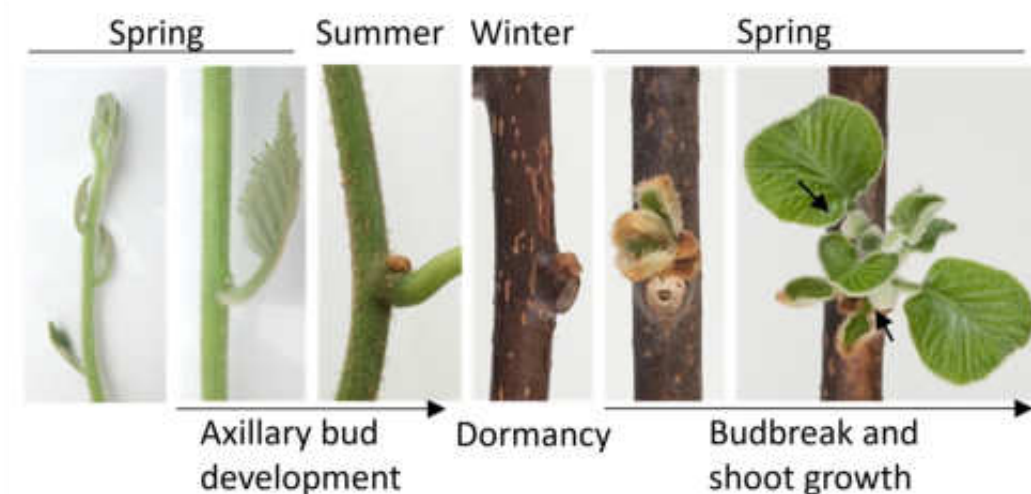
**Pasquale Losciale**

Comparative estimation of chilling and heat requirement in five kiwifruit varieties and exploitation of this knowledge for the effective application of a breaking dormancy agent ( Brecaut®) in cv Jintao®



## *Fabbisogno in freddo*

- ✓ Conoscenze dei meccanismi
- ✓ Confronto materiale genetico
- ✓ Individuato gene *AcFLCL C* che accelera la schiusura gemme
- ✓ Ipotizzato un modello di meccanismo molecolare di *AcFLCL*
- ✓ Diversi prodotti in valutazione (da un anno all'altro ci sono differenze. Individuazione molecola, dose ed epoca di impiego richiede tempo)



# Session 6B: Carbon, stress and productivity

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**Minoo Mohajer**

The effect of shade during reserve accumulation on 'Zesy002' and 'Hayward' kiwifruit vine performance

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**Annette Richardson**

Growth, carbon acquisition and partitioning in shoots of three kiwifruit cultivars

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**Nick Gould**

Effect of trunk girdling over three years on vine reserves, productivity and yield in *Actinidia chinensis* var. *chinensis* and *A. chinensis* var. *deliciosa*

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**Lei-Ming Sun (tbc)**

Genome-wide analysis of *NDR1/HIN1-like* genes in kiwifruit and functional analysis of *NHL17* homolog under biotic stresses

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**Brydie Craven**

Vigour and distance along canes affects cell proportions in 'Hayward' kiwifruit canes

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**Andrea Giovannini**

The effects of shading and reflective mulch on plant physiology and fruit growth in *Actinidia chinensis*

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## *Riserve, stress e produzione*

- ✓ Conoscenze dei meccanismi
- ✓ Confronto materiale genetico

- ✓ Pratiche nel frutteto
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- Incisione anulare*
  - Caratteristiche germoglio/branca*

## Visite in campo



Te Puke, New Zealand

Frutteto in equilibrio  
8% SOM  
100 t/ha  
Nessun sistema irrigazione

Condizioni in Nuova Zelanda sono ottimali per la crescita del kiwi.

Interruzione flusso floematico no problematico...

ma da noi? Le riserve possono diventare fattore critico

Gestione chioma fondamentale per equilibrio  
vegeto-produttivo

## **Incisione anulare (fino a 4 incisioni all'anno)**

### **In piante sane e in buone condizioni climatiche...**

- Le ripetute incisioni riducono le riserve di amido in inverno non influiscono sul germogliamento o sulla fioritura
- L'incisione anticipa il momento della raccolta e produce frutti più grandi con un contenuto di sostanza secca più elevato

### **Tuttavia... E' necessario prestare attenzione alle piante che:**

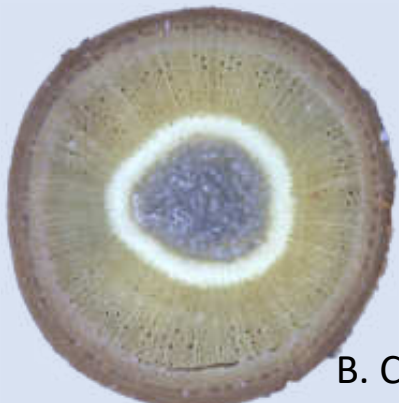
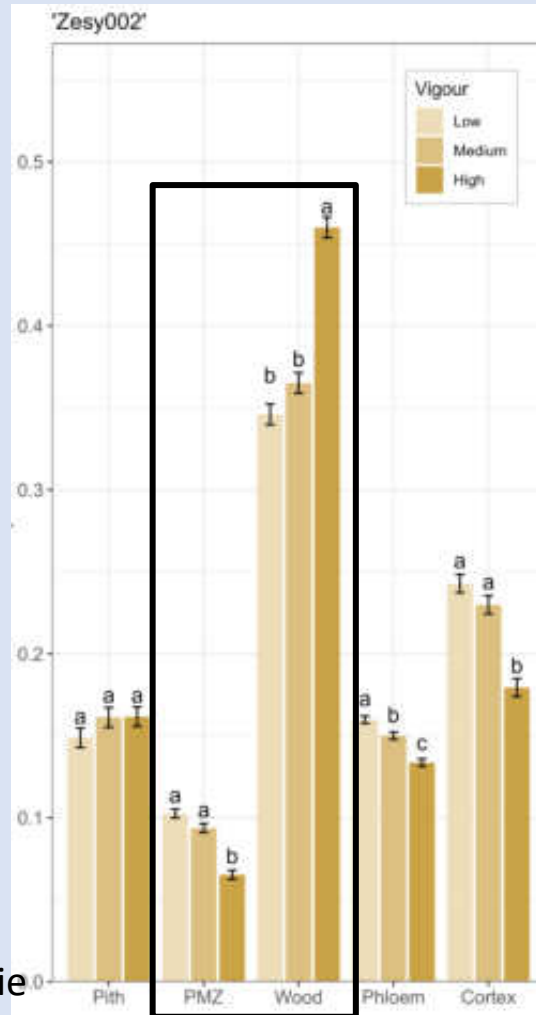
- Sono già sottoposte a stress (es. per il ristagno dell'acqua).
- Terreni poveri, pesanti e compattati che possono limitare la crescita delle radici e la loro capacità di immagazzinamento
- Piante giovani in cui l'apparato radicale non è ancora completamente sviluppato (meno di 10 anni)



# Quale tipo di ramo? ... di media vigoria

More research is still needed, however:

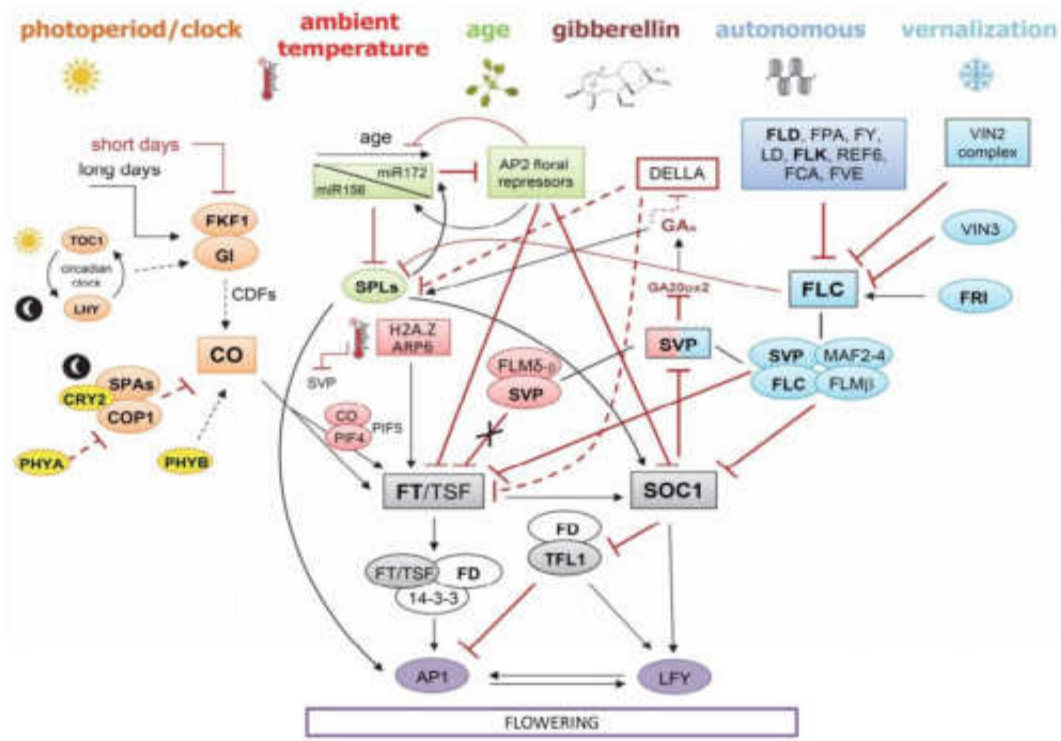
- PMZ to wood ratio is important
  - Greater proportion of PMZ
  - Low vigour canes
  - Distal end of the cane
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- Cultivars showed similar proportional trends



B. Craven, K. Kramer-Walter and C. McKenzie



# Session Flower Biology



**Main flowering time pathways acting in *Arabidopsis thaliana***

Aumento conoscenza su ruolo di diversi geni coinvolti in induzione e differenziazione fiorale

## Fioritura

Meccanismo complesso regolato da aspetti ambientali, fisiologici, genetici, molecolari

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**Olivia Kelly**

Investigation into the transcriptional regulation of stigma death in *Actinidia chinensis*

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**Dinum Herath**

Mutagenesis of *AcCLV1* genes in kiwifruit: implications for shoot apical meristem and fruit development

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**Yongyan Angel Peng**

The role of *LEAFY* genes in floral formation in kiwifruit

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**Bo Yang**

Characterization of *Actinidia chinensis* *FD* genes and their role in kiwifruit flowering

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**Annette Richardson**

The fate of inflorescence meristems during their transition to inflorescences at anthesis

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**Simona Nardoza**

Towards sustainable and climate resilient yield in kiwifruit

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# Session: Fruit Quality and Assessment tools & Controlling ripening & Postharvest



## Juan Pablo Zoffoli

Degreening of the yellow-flesh kiwifruit (*Actinidia chinensis* cv. Dori) reduces chilling injury after storage at 0°C

## Talon Sneddon

'SunGold' kiwifruit ethylene production in response to controlled scuffing

## Jeremy Burdon

Quality aspects of the kiwifruit core

## Josephine Longuet-Higgins

Use of optical coherence tomography (OCT) to detect changes during shrivel development in kiwifruit

## Maryam Alavi

Conceptual and mechanistic framework for prediction of kiwifruit quality in storage over time

## Chelsea Kerr

Understanding the influence of postharvest storage conditions on kiwifruit using RNA-Seq transcriptome profiling

## Magdalena Urbanska

Towards fast, non-invasive, and objective quantification of the compression-induced fruit surface deformation

## Mo Li

A review of non-destructive methods for kiwifruit skin assessment

## Robert Valkenburg

Comparison of methods for rapid non-destructive and destructive measurement of dry matter, SSC, and firmness in gold kiwifruit

## Jason Sun

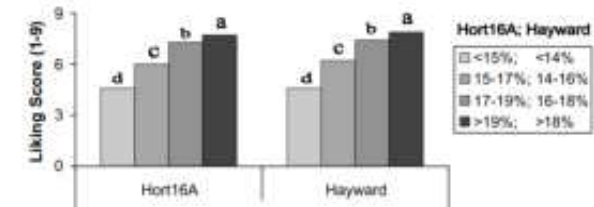
Non-destructive internal colour measurement of 'Zes008' kiwifruit

## Andrew McGlone

Measuring the outer pericarp colour of red-fleshed kiwifruit – new tools with an old method

## Sam Langdon-Arms

The Soft Fruit Sensor (SFS) – a hand-held fruit firmness measuring device developed for the kiwifruit industry



Sam Langdon-Arms, V.A. McGlone

- *From packhouse to the market*, Definizione di **un modello** per identificare le cause principali di perdite frutti durante la conservazione e Mitigare I rischi
- **Metodi non distruttivi** per monitorare qualità frutti es. Soft Fruit Sensor
- **Misurare il colore per kiwi a polpa rossa** (Color Cube, KonicaMinolta, KiwiMeter) → Color Cube promettente, si confermano delle incongruenze del colore rosso (non indice di maturazione) McGlone VA, Billing D, Burdon J
- **Degreening a 15 °C** con raccolta anticipata di 11 giorni prima di conservare a 0°C riduce danni da freddo e mantiene consistenza (Labra, Naranjo and Zoffoli, Chile)

# UAV – Agricoltura di precisione

**Raimundo Cuevas**

Effect of biostimulant applications with UAV to avoid abiotic stress conditions





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*See you in 2027!*

## Conveners



**B. Dichio**



**C. Xiloyannis**



**A. Mininni**