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إلى

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(الديوان - الإدارة العامة للتعاون الدولي)

الموضوع: بخصوص فتح باب الترشيحات للمشاركة في النسخة الثانية من «Research Bootcamp - RIGENESI» (باري - إيطاليا، 19 أكتوبر 2026).

المرفقات: واحدة (01)

أتشرفُ بأن أحيل إليكم، رفقة هذا، نسخة من مذكرة شفوية صادرة عن سفارة إيطاليا بتونس، مرفقة برسالة موجهة من السيد Biagio Di Terlizzi، مدير المركز الدولي للدراسات الزراعية المتقدمة لمنطقة البحر الأبيض المتوسط (CIHEAM Bari)، إلى السيد وزير الفلاحة والموارد المائية والصيد البحري، تتعلق بفتح باب الترشيحات للمشاركة في النسخة الثانية من تظاهرة «Research Bootcamp - RIGENESI» المزمع تنظيمها بداية من يوم 19 أكتوبر 2026 بمقر المؤسسة المذكورة بمدينة فالترانو (باري - إيطاليا).

وتلتزم السفارة موافاتها، في أجل أقصاه يوم 10 جوان 2026، بقائمة المترشحين للمشاركة في التظاهرة المذكورة عبر البريد الإلكتروني على العنوانين التاليين:

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فالرجاء التفضل بالإذن بما ترونه مناسباً في الغرض.



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NOTE VERBALE

L'Ambassade d'Italie présente ses compliments au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, de la Migration et des Tunisiens à l'Etranger, et a l'honneur de faire parvenir ci-joint une lettre du Directeur du CIHEAM de Bari, M. Di Terlizzi, adressée à S.E. M. le **Ministre de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche**, concernant la **deuxième édition du «Research Bottcamp – RIGENESI »**.

L'initiative, qui se terra en langue anglaise, est prévue se dérouler à partir du 19 octobre 2026 à la siège du CIHEAM Bari, à Valenzano (Bari, Italie).

L'Ambassade d'Italie serait reconnaissante au Ministère des Affaires étrangères de bien vouloir signaler la présente initiative, en transmettant aussi la brochure de présentation ci-jointe, au Ministère concerné afin de **recueillir les candidatures avant le 10 juin prochaine**.

L'Ambassade précise également que la liste des candidats présélectionnés par la partie tunisienne devra être transmise au CIHEAM Bari par l'adresse suivante : didattica@iamb.it et schiavone@iamb.it

Tunis, le 29 mai 2026

PJ : i) lettre du M. Di Terlizzi; ii) brochure du programme (en anglais).

**MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES,
DE LA MIGRATION ET DES TUNISIENS A L'ETRANGER
DE LA REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE**

Valenzano (BA), 25/05/2026

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To the kind attention of:
H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Water
Resources, and Fisheries
TUNISIA

Subject: Second Edition of "Research Bootcamp" – RIGENESI project. October 19th – 30th, 2026, CIHEAM Bari (Valenzano, BA).

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform You that CIHEAM Bari is organizing the second edition of the Research Bootcamp, an international training initiative on *Xylella fastidiosa* in the Mediterranean region, within the project: Science Diplomacy & Communication for Olive Sector Regeneration (RIGENESI) funded by Apulia Region.

Drawing on over 13 years of experience in managing plant health emergencies during the *Xylella* epidemic, CIHEAM Bari and the Apulia Region recognize that effective prevention, management, monitoring, and restoration in response to *Xylella fastidiosa* require cross-border cooperation. These actions are of strategic relevance for the Mediterranean and Balkan regions, and for this reason, the lessons learned are being shared with partner countries.

As outlined in the attached document, the training programme aims to promote advanced training and knowledge exchange, and innovation in the management of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the Mediterranean area, with a focus on strengthening skills and enhancing the institutional roles of participants (e.g., official nursery inspections, export/import controls, and plant health surveillance).

The course will commence on 19 October 2026 and **will be conducted in English**. Activities will be held mainly at CIHEAM Bari's headquarters in Valenzano (Bari), Italy.

Participation is free of charge, and CIHEAM Bari will cover all travel, meals, and accommodation expenses for selected participants.

The Research Bootcamp will span 10 days over two weeks, and will be structured into two sessions:

- ✓ **Session I** (19-23 October): focused on governance, regulations, and plant health emergency management plans.
- ✓ **Session II** (26 – 30 October): with scientific and practical content dedicated to managing plant health emergencies on the ground.

The program will feature high-level lecturers as well as experts in regulatory and technical aspects of plant health emergencies response.

Key components of the Bootcamp will include:

- ✓ Thematic lectures on prevention, management, and monitoring strategies, with a focus on the Apulia Region's initiatives.
- ✓ cooperative learning sessions to exchange best practices and innovative approaches;
- ✓ field visits integrated with training activities (symptoms, plant and vector sampling);

- ✓ collaborative sessions with Apulian researchers to apply the knowledge gained and support participants' institutional and research efforts.

The detailed daily program of the Bootcamp is currently being finalized and will be shared as soon as available. Specifically, at the conclusion of the 2nd session, participants will be asked to produce a report summarizing the outcomes of the activities undertaken (e.g., strategic analysis, intervention proposals, new methodologies/protocols, case studies, etc.). A Certificate of Attendance will be awarded.

We kindly ask You to designate the following candidates, in agreement with Your competent ministerial authorities:

- ✓ Two (n. 2) officials with experience in managing plant health emergencies, knowledge of governance, and strong technical and policy expertise.
- ✓ Two (n.2) specialized technicians with operational experience, a background in designing surveillance plans, and relevant research expertise (e.g., from laboratories, consortia, or agricultural enterprises).

The 1st session (19-23 October) will be dedicated to both officials and specialized technicians (for a total of 4); in the 2nd session (26-30 October) even if focused on scientific and practical content, the attendance of 2 officials is welcomed

English proficiency is requested.

We would be grateful if You could send the names of your proposed candidates **no later than 10th of June** to allow for the completion of all necessary formalities (online registration and visa applications). Please submit the following for each nominee:

→ **Curriculum Vitae**. → **Copy of Passport**. → **Contact details** (email and telephone number) to the following email address: di-foliar@iamb.it; sciuyone@iamb.it

Thanking You in advance for Your kind attention, please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Biagio Di Terlizzi
CIHEAM Bari Director



Annex: Summary of the educational program and topics covered



Xylella fastidiosa: State of the Art

Genetic variability and taxonomy of *X. fastidiosa* and its subspecies

Host range and symptomatology

Distribution and global status (focus on the Mediterranean basin)

Epidemiology and disease transmission

Biology and ecology of insect vectors

Transmission mechanisms and main vectors

Diagnosis techniques:

ELISA, Real-Time PCR (with subspecies identification)

Immunoprinting, LAMP-PCR, Isolation

EPPO diagnostic standards and official EU diagnostic protocols

Pathogenicity tests

Control and containment strategies

European Legislation

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 and subsequent amendments

EU Regulation 2016/2031 – focus on Contingency Plans

EU Regulation 2017/625 – focus on Official Laboratories

Communication and Awareness Campaigns

Citizen science initiatives

Public engagement and education

Overview of the Situation in Apulia (Italy)

Symptom identification

Sampling procedures and geolocation

Insect vector sampling

Containment and eradication program



Apulia Regional Action Plan

Alignment with EU control guidelines

RIBESS sampling network (for plants and insect vectors)

Eradication and containment zones

Regulation and official inspections in nurseries

Compensation measures and public dissemination

Susceptibility of different germplasms and resistant cultivars

Regulation of nursery management

Entry point inspections

Stakeholder meetings

Practical Activities and Diagnostics

Laboratory diagnosis exercises:

Real-Time PCR (subspecies ID)

ELISA

Isolation on plates

Insect vector recognition and sampling

Detection of bacterial presence in vectors

Susceptibility tests in experimental and commercial fields

Nursery inspection and management practices

Thermotherapy in hot water for infected plant material

Field visits to old and recent infection sites