August 15, 2018 - Wednesday

Session Chair: Dr. David Pattemore, New Zealand

09:00-09:15  Understanding pollination processes in avocado (Persea americana) orchards - Dr. David Pattemore (Invited Lecture)
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09:30-09:45  Effect of paclobutrazol or potassium nitrate sprayed during the period of inflorescence development and shortly thereafter on fruit retention, size and yield in Maluma Hass avocado - Dr. Steven A. Oosthuysen
09:45-10:00  Breaking the glass ceiling of avocado yields: accounting for the periodic demand for water and nutrients - Dr. Ayner Silber
10:00-10:15  Micropropagation; efficient alternative for clonal propagation of avocado (Persea americana Mill.) - Ms. Jayeni Hiti Bandaralage
10:15-10:30  Adventitious rooting in avocado - unravelling the bottle neck to propagation - Ms. Madeleine Gleeson
10:30-10:45  Avocado innovation in Mexico’s Central Highlands - Prof. Sergio Marquez-Berber

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break / Poster Presentations
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Session Chair: Prof. Stefaan Werbrouck, Belgium

14:00-14:15  Tetraploid date palm - Prof. Stefaan Werbrouck
14:15-14:30  Development of molecular markers for application in sex determination of Phoenix dactylifera L - Mr. Noppharat Intha
14:30-14:45  Genetic characterization of date palm (Phoenix dactylifera L.) germplasm cultivated in Algeria - Dr. Aziz Akkak
14:45-15:00  Characterization and sensory analysis of some Tunisian date cultivars consumed at early maturity stage - Ms. Sarra Cherif
15:00-15:15  Recent Achievements on Date Palm Micropropagation - Dr. Sudhersan Chellan
15:00-15:15  First field results with Sivanto Prime to control Date Palm Weevil - Mr. Mohamed Elsherif
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