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1. **DEMO-1:** FruitFlyNet-ii participates in Agri Innovation Expo

20 - 30th of September 2021, Agricultural University of Athens

Organizing Partner: BEN (AUA) Event Name: FruitFlyNet-ii participation in the Agri Innovation Expo. Event Date: 20-30 September 2021 Speakers: Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis Physical location: Agricultural University of Athens, Greece. **URL-1**: <u>Οι ομάδες νέο – Agri Innovation Expo (aua.gr)</u> (stand 24) URL-2: FruitFlyNet-ii participates in Agri Innovation Expo | ENI CBC Med Brochure: AgriInnovBrochure_AUA.pdf

Brief Description:

The project was among 30 research projects participated in the Agri Innovation Expo that took place on 20 – 30 of September 2021 in Athens. The event visited by more than 700 persons, was organized by the Agricultural University of Athens at the premises of the Agricultural Museum aiming to promote innovation and technology inclusion for the benefit of society and of general interest. FruitFlyNet-ii kiosk attracted the interest of various persons mainly farmers and agricultural cooperatives' members including a member of the cabinet, entrepreneurs, and numerous university students.



Photos: Overview of the FruitFlyNet-ii stand in the Agri innovation Expo









2. **DEMO -2:** *FruitFlyNet-ii* introduces its novelties to local farmers.

28th of June 2022, Argolis, Greece

Organising Partner: BEN (AUA) Event Name: FruitFlyNet-ii introduces its novelties to local farmers. Event Date: June 28th, 2022 Speakers: Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis, Assoc. Professor Dionysios Perdikis Physical location: Arkadiko, Argolis, Greece. URL: Brief Description:

On 28th June 2022, the research team of the Agricultural University of Athens, the lead beneficiary of the *FruitFlyNet-ii* project, organized a meeting with the owners of the olive groves, where *OliveFlyNet* system is implemented, located in the village of Arkadiko, Argolis region, north east of Peloponnese in Greece.

The project coordinator, Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis, made a general introduction to the aims of the project and the contributing role of the farmers to its success, following by a demonstration of the *OliveFlyNet* e-trap, components, and functioning, as well, a short presentation of *OliveFlyNet* e-services.

Consequently, the technical manager of the project, Prof. Dionysios Perdikis, presented the solutions the project can offer to the farmers for a more effective and environmentally friendly control of the olive fruit fly through precise and timely olive fly monitoring, spraying decisions and spraying applications.



Photos: Overview of the meeting with the local farmers **Presentations:** Oral presentations provided by: Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis, and Technical Manager Assoc. Professor Dionysios Perdikis









3. **DEMO-3:** *FruitFlynet-ii:* Open demonstration event in Hasbaya station, Nabatiyi, South Lebanon

July 15th, 2022, Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI-P03)

Organizing Partner: P03 (LARI) Event Name: FruitFlyNet-ii: Open demonstration event in Hasbaya station, Nabatiyi, South Lebanon. Event Date: July 15th, 2022 Speakers: Eng. Amira YOUSSEF, Eng. Ahmad ELBITAR and Dr. Linda KFOURY Physical location: LARI, Hasbaya station, South, Lebanon. URL: https://www.enicbcmed.eu/fruitflynet-ii-presented-local-stakeholders-lebanon

Brief Description:

On 15th July 2022, the *FruitFlyNet-ii* team of the Lebanese Agriculture Research Institute (LARI) organized an open dissemination event, in Hasbaya in south of Lebanon, where the experimental site has been chosen.

At the beginning Eng. Amira YOUSSEF head of Hasbaya station (LARI) welcomed the farmers, engineers, researchers and all the attendees. After that, the national coordinator of the project Eng. Ahmad ELBITAR provided a general definition, nominated the participating countries (European and non-European) and talked about the duration of the project. Mr. ELBITAR cited the difficulties that delayed the start of the project's execution in Lebanon. He explained in detail the objectives as well as the methodology of the work during the implementation of the project. Eng. ELBITAR focused on the beneficiaries of this project: the farmers and producers of olive and olive oil are the main beneficiaries in the short term, while the environment, the total olive sector in Lebanon and consequently the Lebanese economy, will be the sustainable beneficiaries in the long term.

The second lecture was delivered by the technical manager, Dr. Linda KFOURY. She exposed in detail the life cycle of *Bactrocera oleae*, the optimum conditions to its development, the provoked damage and the economic importance which this pest represents in our agricultural sector. Dr. KFOURY talked about the importance of the E-Trap to monitor *Bactrocera oleae*. She presented the benefit solutions the project can offer to the farmers for a more effective and environmentally friendly control of the olive fly and through precise and timely monitoring, spraying decisions, and spraying applications.

At the end of the presentation there was a fruitful discussion between the project work team and the participants in this event. The main questions asked by the farmers were about the insect and how to fight against it, the price, and the availability of these e-traps in Lebanon.

Presentations:

P03_15.07.2022_A.ELBITAR&L.KFOURY.pdf: Open demonstration event July 15, 2022).











Photo 1. Eng. Amira YOUSSEF welcomed the participants



Photo 2. LPC. Ahmad ELBITAR, overview about FruitFlyNet- ii



Photo 3. Dr. Linda KFOURY, life cycle of Bactrocera oleae



Photo 4. Attendees'



Photo 5. Discussions









4. **DEMO-4**: Citrus fruits owners in Greece inducted to *FruitFlyNet-ii* new treatment of med fly.

January 19th, 2023, Agricultural University of Athens (AUA-BEN)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: BEN (AUA) Event Name: Citrus fruits owners in Greece inducted to *FruitFlyNet-ii* new treatment of med fly. Event Date: 19th January 2023 Agenda: Open discussion Speakers: Assoc. Prof. Dionysios Perdikis, Prof. Theodoros Tsiligiridis List/No of participants: No List/12 participants (cooperative union, producers/farmers). Physical location/ Line: Cooperatives' Union in Citrus Fruits of Skala, Lakonia, Greece URL: <u>Citrus fruits owners in Greece are inducted to FruitFlyNet-ii new treatment of med fly | ENI CBC Med</u> Brief Description: On 19th January 2023, the *FruitFlyNet-ii* team of the Agricultural University of Athens, lead beneficiary of the project, organized an informational meeting with members of the Agricultural Cooperative in Citrus Fruits of Skala 'Sparta oranges', at the premises of the Cooperatives' Union in Laconia prefecture, Peloponnese, Greece. The research team consisted of Theodore Tsiligiridis (Professor of Informatics), Dionysios Perdikis (Associate Professor of Entomology), Director and Technical Director of the project, respectively, and Marios Sotiras (PhD

candidate of Entomology). Professor Tsiligiridis, made a general oral introduction to the aims of the project and the critical role of the farmers to its success, following by a presentation of the *MedFlyNet* e-trap, components, and functioning, as well, a short presentation of its e-services. In sequel, Assoc. Professor Perdikis, presented the critical solutions the project can offer to the farmers for a more effective and environmentally friendly control of the med fly and through precise and timely monitoring, spraying decisions, and spraying applications.

The event attended by members of the local agricultural union who expressed their powerful desire for implementing *MedFlyNet* system in their citrus fruits orchards while the present agronomists had the opportunity to informed for the latest advances in precision agriculture.

Presentations: Oral presentations by Professor Theodore Tsiligiridis and Associate Professor Dionysios Perdikis.









Figures/Photos:





Photos: An overview of the meeting with cooperative union of citrus (mainly oranges and mandarins) in Skala, Laconia, in the region of South Peloponnesus.









5. **DEMO-5**: *FruitFlyNet-ii:* e-trap prototype demonstration in Hasbaya station, Nabatiyi, South Lebanon

March 14th, 2023, Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI-P03)

Demo elements

Organising Partner: P03 (LARI) Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii*: e-trap prototype demonstration in Hasbaya station, Nabatiyi, South Lebanon. Event Date: March 14th, 2023 Agenda: Figure 1 Speakers: Dr. Michael AFRAM, Ahmad ELBITAR, Dr. Linda KFOURY List/No of participants: Figure 2/65 participants (producers/farmers, researchers). Physical location/ Line: LARI - Tal Amara- Bekaa- Lebanon. URL: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.moussawi7.lari&hl=en&gl=US</u> Brief description: *FruitFlyNet-ii* project team of the LARI, organized an event for e-trap prototype demonstration. Local project coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR introduced the project aims and he explained in detail the prototype of the e-trap since he explained the e-trap designed to prove the viability of new technologies that offer a potential economic advantage and environmentally friendly. The project technical manager presented the results achieved from the experimental sites and she gave a detailed scientific analysis of the Olive fly, the time this fly attacks the olives and how to control the fly. Positive feedback from the audience who expressed strong desire for implementing the e-trap in their olive orchards.

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Figures/Photos:



Figure 1: Agenda of the Open dissemination event at the LU



Figure 2: List and number of participants











Photo 1: Eng. Ahmad ELBITAR, E-trap prototype



Photo 2: Dr. Linda KFOURY, results presentation





Photos 3-4: Event Overview.









6. **DEMO-6:** *FruitFlyNet-ii*: e-trap prototype demonstration in Tal Amara station, Zahle, Bekaa, Lebanon

March 20th, 2023, Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI-P03)

Demo Elements

Organising Partner: P03 (LARI)

Event Name: FruitFlyNet-ii: e-trap prototype demonstration in LARI, Tal Amara, Bekaa, Lebanon.

Date Event: March 20th, 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: President Dr. Michael AFRAM, Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR, Dr. Linda KFOURY

List/No of participants: Figure 2 (132 (producers/farmers, researchers).

Physical location/ Line: LARI - Tal Amara- Bekaa- Lebanon.

URL: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.moussawi7.lari&hl=en&gl=US</u>

Brief description: Within the framework of *FruitFlyNet-ii* project, members of the Lebanese Agriculture Research Institute - LARI, project partner, organized an event for demonstrating e-trap prototype. The event organized on March 20 ,2023 at the premises of LARI in Tal Amara. The event was aiming to farmers, agro-industrial, local economies, researchers, entomologists, agriculture engineers, SMEs and network engineers.

Dr. Michel AFRAM, President, General Director of LARI and legal representative of the project, welcomed the audience and delivered a speech explaining the importance of *FruitFlyNet-ii* project showing its environmental and economic benefits.

The local project coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR presented the project aims and he explained to audience the prototype of the e-trap that designed to prove the viability of recent technologies that offer a potential economic advantage and environmentally friendly.

Dr. Linda KFOURY, project technical manager presented the results achieved from the three experimental sites located in Hasbaya to study the deployment and operation of LAS, by using conventional traps . Dr. KFOURY provided a scientific analysis of the Olive fly, the time this fly attacks the olives and how to control the fly. Feedback diversified from the audience and It is not the number of people who came for the event that decided it's success. But the number of people who expressed their interest for what they experienced and learned during the even.

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	of the E-trap prototype demonstration event Monday, March 20, 2023
	Lebanese A gricultural Research Institute Tal Amara – Zahle
10:00-10:30 10:30-10:45: 10:45-11:30	Registration Welcome at Tal Amara station, PGD, Dr Michel AFRAM Overview about FruitFly ii project and the e-trap prototype, Eng.
11:30-12:15 12:15-13:00 13:00	Ahmad ELBITAR Results achieved in 2022, Dr. Linda KFOURY Discussions Coffee break
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Figure 1: Agenda of the E-trap prototype demonstration event in Tal Amara







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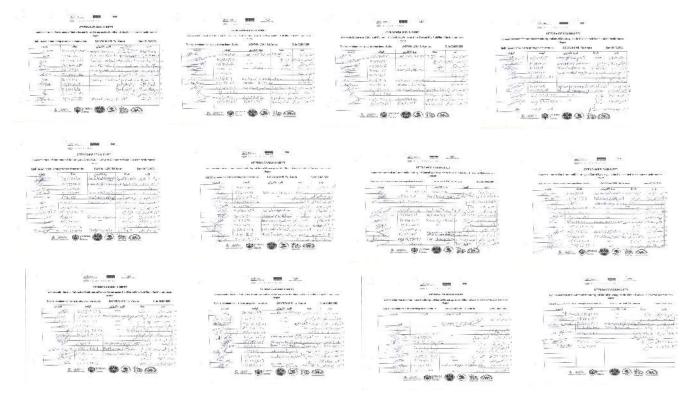


Figure 2: List and number of participants, 120 (farmers, agro-industrial, local economies, researchers, entomologists, agriculture engineers, SMEs and network engineers).



Photo 1: *President of LARI Dr. Michel AFRAM, Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR and Dr. Linda KFOURY,*



Photo 2: *Dr. Michel AFRAM welcomed the participants*











Photo 3: Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR, E-trap prototype presentation



Photo 4: Dr. Linda KFOURY, results presentation



Photo 5: Meeting Overview









7. **DEMO-7:** *FruitFlyNet-ii* in Spain presented the olive fly e-trap prototype and the associated e-services.

April 12-13, 2023, University of Cordoba (UCO-P01)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: P01 (UCO)

Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii* in Spain presented the olive fly e-trap prototype and the associated e-services. Event Date: 12-13 April 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Assistant Professor Meelad Yousef

List/No of participants: No List/50 participants (producers/farmers, researchers).

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Physical location/ Line: 3rd Professional Meeting of Collaborative Industry 4.0, Córdoba. Andalusia, Spain URL: FruitFlyNet-ii in Spain presented its olive fly e-traps prototype and associated e-services | ENI CBC Med

Brief Description: *FruitFlyNet-ii* in Spain presented its olive fly e-traps prototype and associated e-services. Already, walking on the final stage of the project and after completing several steps toward the assembling and installing of *FuritFlyNet-ii* system at a wide area experimental field, the technical team of P01 (UCO - ETSIAM), organized the first demonstration and dissemination event for its components (e-traps and e-services) to the agrifood domestic industry.

In collaboration with the local authority of the region of Andalusia (Junta de Andalucía), the project demonstration took place during the 3rd Professional Meeting of Collaborative Industry 4.0 held in Córdoba on 12-13th of April 2023. Assistant Professor Meelad Yousef, local coordinator of the project, together with the technical managers, Emilio Calvo Cerezo and Flora Moreno Alcaide, performed the demonstration event targeting farmers, cooperatives, institutions, members of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) industry, and various stakeholders.

Firstly, Assistant Prof. Yousef gave a speech covering important aspects of the olive fruit fly *Bactrocera oleae* (Rossi) as the main insect pest of olive crop worldwide, with direct damage to the production and quality of olive oil and table olives. Also, his presentation included the state of the art on olive fruit fly control and monitoring, focusing on the advantages and disadvantages of each method (conventional traps, chemistry products, entomopathogenic fungi, etc.) and the future perspectives on IPM legislation. To resolve the disadvantages of the actual monitoring system, digital technologies can help to improve this method by increasing the temporal resolution of the data with lower field visits and the elaboration of risk maps integrated into a Decision Support System (DSS) which will provide a real-time monitoring data and precise risk maps for decision making.

Also, the technical team distributed flyers to the public containing information about the project. Then, Assistant Professor Meelad Yousef enumerated the objectives of *FruitFlyNet-ii* project, its methodology, and its two main components: the olive fly e-traps prototype and the set of e-services associated to them. Detailed information also given about the e-services that allow the identification of the pest, the digitalization of wide areas, the creation of risk maps for a DSS, and a route for optimized spraying. Consequently, the team members received questions and









inquiries from the participants, followed by an interesting discussion and exchange of experiences, opinions, and perspectives about project components.

The attendees gave positive feedback and expressed a strong interest in *FruitFlyNet-ii*'s work and its next steps. Finally, the technical team of the project received all the suggestions for improving the work of the project components in the future and innovative ideas regarding the commercial models of the project outputs. Following Yousef's presentation, the participants took a questionnaire and discussed the advantages and disadvantages they found in the electronic trap and how they could improve it.

Advantages, disadvantages, and possible improvements *Advantages*

- Daily information on olive fruit fly population.
- Fewer field visits.
- Olive fruit fly control at the optimum time and spraying route.
- Reduction in the use of phytosanitary products.
- More environmentally sustainable.

Disadvantages

- Dependence on technology: The use of electronic traps implies dependence on technology, including power supply and connection to a server, which can generate problems if there are interruptions or technical failures.
- Training and qualification of technicians in technology is needed.
- More costly to maintenance than conventional trapping.
- Image shadowing.
- Acquisition cost.

Possible improvements

- System for recording and counting flies caught in the trap.
- More compact and lighter design.
- Consider new methods to send images in places without good wireless network.

Presentations: P01_12.04.2023_Yousef.pdf









Figures/Photos:



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AGENDA

1st demonstration of the electronic trap for monitoring and control of the olive fruit fly

12-13 April 2023 Cordoba (Spain)

9:00-9:30 Welcome 9:30-10:30 Taxonomic classification, morphology, biology and life cycle of the olive fruit fly (*Bactrocera oleae*)(Rossi) 10:30-11:30 Monitoring and control of olive fruit fly 11:30-12:30 Advances on e-services 12:30-14:00 Simulation of the operation of an electronic trap (setting, identification and tracking).



Figure 1: Agenda of the Demonstration











Photo 1: Assistant Prof. Yousef Meelad discusses important aspects of the electronic olive fruit fly e-trap.



Photo 2: Assistant Prof. Yousef Meelad answers participants' questions.

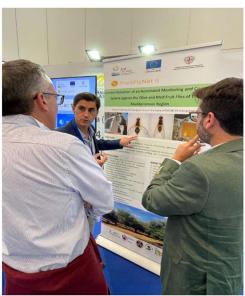


Photo 3: Emilio discusses the different aspects of the OliveFlyNet











8. **DEMO-8:** *FruitFlynet-ii*: *OliveFlyTrap* prototype demonstration in the agricultural center of Hermel, Northern Bekaa, Lebanon

July 22nd, 2023, Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI-P03)

Demo Elements

Organising Partner: P03 (LARI)

Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii*: *OliveFlyTrap* prototype demonstration in the Hermel, Northern Bekaa, Lebanon. **Event Date**: July 22th, 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Mr. Khodor JAAFAR, Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR and Dr. Linda KFOURY

List/No of participants: Figure 2 (29 farmers, agriculture engineer, entomologists, SME's, cooperatives owners, olive mills owners and researchers).

Physical location: Agricultural Center, Hermel, Northern Bekaa, Lebanon.

URL: https://www.facebook.com/FruitFlyNet2

Brief Description:

Within the framework of *FruitFlyNet-ii* project, LARI project team organized a E-trap prototype demonstration event. The event organized on July 22,2023 at the Agricultural Center of Hermel city in northern Bekaa of Lebanon. The event counted more than thirty (30) participants diversified between farmers, agriculture engineer, entomologists, SME's, cooperatives owners, olive mills owners and researchers.

Mr. Khodor JAAFAR, Director of the Agricultural Center in Hermel, welcomed LARI team and the participants. Mr. JAAFAR speech was about the importance of olive orchards in Hermel city as he mentioned that the olive trees in Hermel vary from 350,000 tree to 500,000 tree and the number is still growing with efforts to make the production organic and free of any chemical residue. In addition, he said that a new olive mill created and green house for propagation of olive trees made.

Eng. Ahmad ELBITAR, project coordinator, presented the project aims and he explained to audience the prototype of the e-trap that designed to prove the viability of recent technologies that offer a potential economic advantage and environmentally friendly.

Dr.Linda KFOURY, project technical manager presented the results achieved from the three experimental sites located in Hasbaya, Lebanon to study the deployment and operation of LAS. Dr. KFOURY provided a scientific analysis of the Olive fly, the time this fly attacks the olives and how to control the fly.

Feedback diversified from the audience since they expressed their interest for what they experienced and learned during the event and following questions raised during the event:

- e-trap price?
- Can conventional traps replace the e-traps?
- Availability of the e-trap in the market?
- Lifetime of the e-trap?
- At what temperature the olive fruit fly attack?









- Chemical treatment used to avoid the olive fly attack?
- Any preventive treatments can be done to avoid any infection by Bactrocara olea

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Figure 1: Agenda of the E-trap prototype demonstration event in Hermel









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Figure 2: List and number of participants: 29 (farmers, agriculture engineer, entomologists, SME's, cooperatives owners, olive mills owners and researchers)











Photo 1: *Mr. Khodor JAAFAR welcomed the participants.*



Photo 2: Ahmad ELBITAR presenting the e-trap prototype



Photo 3: Dr. Linda KFOURY presenting the life cycle of Bactrocera oleae



Photo 4: Meeting overview









9. **DEMO-9:** *FruitFlyNet-ii*: The *MedFlyNet* in-field demonstration event at Khlidia site, in Tunisia

Tuesday 19 September 2023, Mabrouka nursery, Ben Arous, Tunisia

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: The Regional Research Centre on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture at Chott-Mariem, Tunisia.

Event Name: The *MedFlyNet* in-field demonstration event at Khlidia site, in Tunisia. A demonstration day on the use of the electronic traps to monitor the Mediterranean FruitFly, *Ceratitis capitata* in peach orchard and how to implement the Location Aware System (LAS).

Event Date: Tuesday, 19th September 2023.

Agenda: Figure 1

List/No of participants: Figure 2 (69 producers/farmers, researchers).

Speakers: the local project coordinator Prof. Mohamed BRAHAM the Project Informatics Engineer Mr. Ahmed MOUSSA, the technical Manager Hassib BENKHEDHER, and the Project technician Amal LAMOUCHI.

Physical location: the Mabrouka company (Khlidia, Ben Arous, Tunisia).

URL: https://www.enicbcmed.eu/medflynet-field-demonstration-event-khlidia-site-tunisia

Brief Description: An open dissemination event (demonstration day) about the use of electronic traps for monitoring MedFly in orchards and the implementation of the LAS in peach orchards was organized by the Regional Research Centre on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture with the help of Olive Institute (Partner 4) on September 19, 2023 (see Figure 1; the agenda). The event took place at the Mabrouka Company, which hosted the *FruitFlyNet-ii* project field experiments. Around 70 people attended: Citrus and stone fruits growers, PhD students, researchers, engineers, specialists in plant protection, private plant protection companies, agricultural engineers, and technicians from the public agriculture sector.

Professor Mohamed Braham, the local project coordinator gave a welcome address and presented the Project *FruitFlyNet-ii*, its objectives and some results already achieved and highlighted the good cooperation with the partner Mabrouka Company, for her support in field experiments. Then the Engineer, Sondes Telmoudi, from Mabrouka Company presented the society and emphasized the good partnership between CRRHAB Chott-Mariem and the Mabrouka company.

After that, Prof. Braham outlined how the program would unfold: the first part would be devoted to scientific presentations in the meeting room (session 1), and the second to a demonstration in the peach orchard (session 2). So, the participants were divided into two groups. The first attended the presentations, while the second followed the demonstration (operation of e-traps, geo database, data collection via GPS and tablet) and then the groups rotated.

The first talk was given by Pr. Braham entitled "Presentation of the *FruitFlyNet-ii* project and the importance of the Mediterranean fruit fly, *Ceratitis capitata* in Tunisia" emphasizing the problem of MedFly and the importance of collaboration between Mediterranean countries to control this insect and detailed how to implement the Location Aware System in Tunisia.







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Then, Dr. Ines Ksentini, the local project coordinator from the Olive Institut gave a presentation entitled "Importance of the olive fly, *Bactrocera oleae* in Tunisia and implementation of a monitoring system. She focused on the importance of the olive fruit fly, *Bactrocera oleae*, as the main insect pest of olive crops worldwide, directly affecting olive oil quality and olive production. With the technical team, Manel Ben Ameur and Dr. Marwa Bouri, she introduced the Location Aware System (LAS) prototypes regarding the e-trap functioning and the e-services. Regarding field demonstration, Mr. Hassib Ben khedher (technical Manager), Ahmed Moussa (informatics Engineer), and Amal Lamouchi; the technical team from the Regional Centre Research in Horticulture and Organic Agriculture (CRRHAB) presented the process and steps needed to the implementation of the local Aware System (LAS), how to operate the field digitization and geospatial data collection like field borders, tree location, protected area, organic farms, cultivars, location of traps and habitat location. Then, they introduced the e-traps operating mode in the peach orchard: how the e-traps work, when and how the system takes images of the trapped insects glued in sticky plates, how it is powered, etc. The technical team did its best to simplify and explain the e-trap system for participants. Discussions that followed each presentation were fruitful and very interesting and interactions among attendees (students, teachers, researchers, engineers, technical managers of farms, entomologists) made interesting debates of technical, economic, and environmental concerns.

Presentations: P05_19.09.2023_Braham.pdf.









MedFlyNet-ii questionnaire:

FruitFlyNet-ii questionnaire: a questioner having eleven (11) questions was submitted to participants to investigate their opinion relating to the use of electronic traps. Twelve (12) responses were received.

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1- Do you have peach or orange trees?	هل تملك أشجار خوخ أو برتقال ؟
2- What problems have you noticed in your orchard?	ماهي المشاكل التي تواجهها مع أشجار الخوخ أو البرتقال؟
3- How do you control the Medfly ?	ماهي الطريقة التي تستعملها لمكافحة ذبابة الفاكهة المتوسطية؟
4. Do you use insecticides to control the MedFly ?	هل تستخدم المبيدات الحشرية لمكافحة ذبابة الفاكهة المتوسطية
4.1 If Yes, Do you Know the name of insecticides u	sed ? ماهي اسماء المبيدات الحشرية المستخدمة؟
4.2 The number of applications per year (per season)	ماهو عدد مرات المداوة المتبع (خلال سنة أو خلال الموسم)









5- Do you use conventional tr	ap to monitor the Med Fly	هل تستخدم المصائد التقليدية لمكافحة ذبابة الفاكهة المتوسطية
5.1. If yes. What kind of t	rap do you use	ماهى أنواع المصائد المستخدمة
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Analysis and Results: Figure 3 In response to the questionna	ire results obtained and ana	lyzed from the participants please see Figure 3

The filled questionnaires are in the attached files: P05_19.09.2023_AnsQuest.pdf.









Figures/Photos:



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Agenda

Open Dissemination Event

Regional Research Center on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture (CRRHAB)- Chott-Mariem - Sousse

Mabrouka Nursery- Khelidia - Ben Arous

Tuesday, 19th September 2023





Open Dissemination Event of the FruitFlyNet-ii project Mabrouka Nursery, Khelidia, Ben Arous, Tunisia

- Tuesday, 19th September 2023 -

9 H-9H15. Welcome and registration 9H15-9H30. Opening – Welcome address Prof. Mohamed BRAHAM (CRRHAB), Project coordinator / Mr. Mokhtar MECHICHI, Technical Manager in Mabrouka nursery. 9H30-9H45. Presentation of the Mabrouka nursery (Mr. Mokhtar MECHICHI/ Eng. Sondes TELMOUDI)

1*session 9H45-10H15. Presentation of the FruitFlyNet-ii Project and the importance of the Mediterranean fruit fly, Ceratitis capitata in Tunisia (Prof. Mohamed BRAHAM)

10H15-10H45. Importance of the olive fly, Bactrocera oleae in Tunisia and implementation

of a monitoring system [(Dr. Ines KSENTINI, (Institut de l'Olivier)/ Prof. Mohieddine KSENTINI, (Institut de l'Olivier)/ Eng. Manel BEN AMEUR (Institut de l'Olivier) and Dr. Marwa BOURI (Institut de l'Olivier)]

10H45-11H15. coffee Break

2nd session

11H15-12H30. Implementation of a Location Aware System (LAS) and field dem stration or the use of electronic traps for monitoring Medfly on peach in Tunisia [Dr. Hassib BEN KHEDHER (CRRHAB), Eng. Ahmed MOUSSA (CRRHAB) and Eng. Amal LAMOUCHI (CRRHAB)].

12H 30. Discussion and closing



Figure 1: Agenda

















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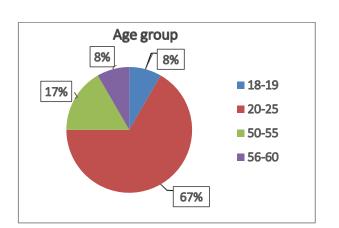
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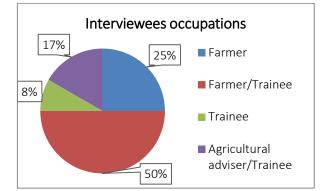


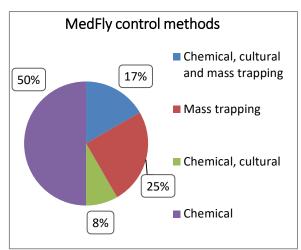


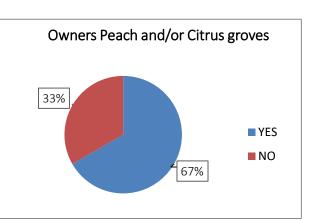


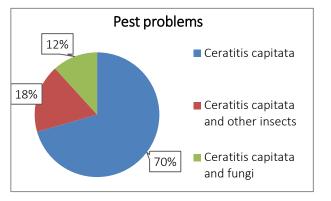
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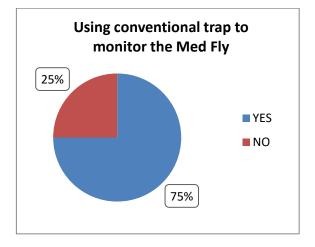










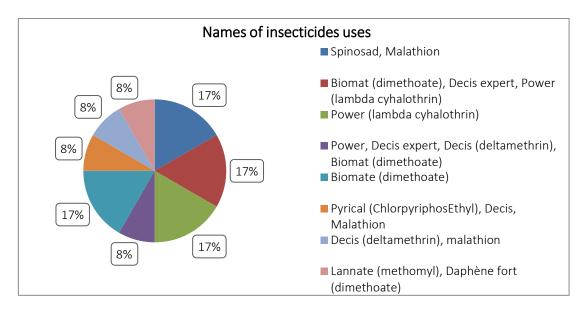


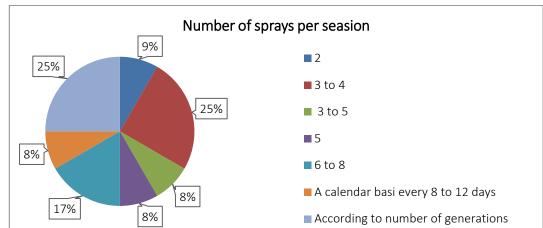


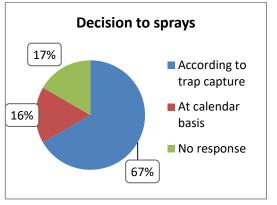


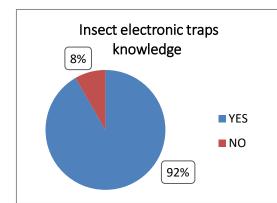


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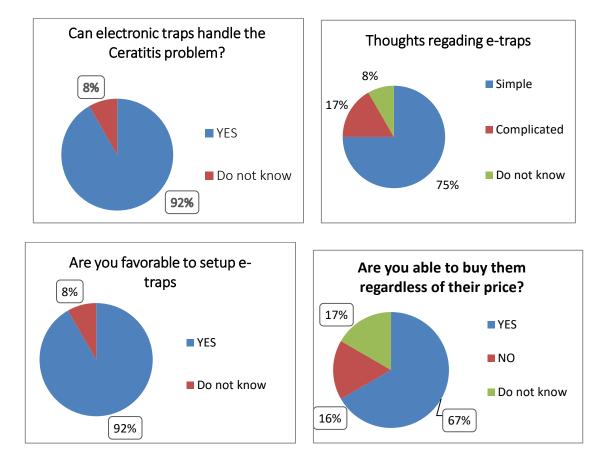








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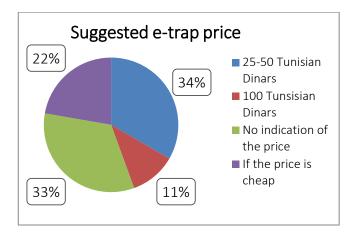


Figure 3: Responses obtained from the questionnaire













Photos 1-4: An overview of the various activities of the demonstration of the MedFlyNet









10. **DEMOs-10/11:** *FruitFlyNet-ii* in Tunisia hosted a two-day Living Lab to present e-services against the olive fly.

October 4-5th, 2023, Olive Tree Institute (IO-P04)

Demo Elements

Organising Partner: P04 (IO)

Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii* in Tunisia hosted a two-day Living Lab to present e-services against the olive fly. **Event Dates**: October 4-5th, 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Pr. Mohieddine Ksantini, Dr Ines Ksentini, Dr Zayneb Chaaben, Dr. Marwa Bouri Mrs. Manel Ben Ameur List/No of participants: Figure 2/ 40 (First Day) - 34 (Second Day) (producers/farmers, researchers) Physical location/ Line: Sfax, Tunisia.

URL: FruitFlyNet-ii in Tunisia hosted a two-day Living Lab to present e-services against medfly | ENI CBC Med

Brief description: The first living lab was made on 04 October 2023. The second on October 05, 2023. For the first living lab, early in the morning, 40 participants were present in front of the administrative headquarters of the Olive Tree Institute. They registered and then went to "Taous"; the experimental site of the Olive Tree Institute by two minibuses.

Communication material has been distributed to participants at the check-in. In each bus, project coordinators were presented. Dr. Ines Ksentini and Pr. Mohieddine Ksantini. The travel took about 30 minutes. During that, coordinators orally presented the project and introduced the living labs.

In Taous, the participants accompanied by the project team went directly to the experimental plot where they visited the e-trap. Then, an external team recommended by the Olive Tree Institute and responsible for the drone, showed the equipment and flew it to sweep the plot. The manipulation took around 80 minutes.

After site visit, the participants went to the Taous's room where they took a break. After the break, Dr. Zayneb Chaâbene, an expert recruited by the Olive Tree Institute to organize the living lab, and presented the concept, and of e-services.

The technical team of the project showed the e-trap and the e-services used in data processing. The limits of used eservices as well as encountered related problems have been evoked to be discussed with the participants. For more than an hour, the participants talked about the e-services and proposed solutions to our problems by adding further e-services.

The first day of the Living Lab followed by 34 participants. The same program and timing as the first day, was repeated during the second day. An evaluation sheet of 10 questions made with Google Forms has been distributed. Each participant returned the sheet before leaving the event.

Presentations: A4.4.1: Presentations_IO.pdf

Two presentations were done, one by the expert and the second one by the technical team. Coordinators presented orally during the event and is buses to the filed. Both produced presentations will be attached to this document, *P04_4-5.10.23_Chaabene.pdf*









P04_4-5.10.23_Ben Ameur-Bouri.pdf

OliveFlyNet-ii questionnaire :

We sent 25 questionnaires for farmers to fill. However, only 7 of them returned them. Below is an overview of the original questionnaire sent to farmers:

PART 1 1.1) Age:

- o Under 30
 - o Between 30 and 50
 - o Between 51 and 65
 - o Over 65
- 1.2) Profession (several options can be selected)
 - o Agricultural entrepreneur
 - o Owner of an olive grove
 - o Agricultural worker
 - o Agricultural technician
 - o Agronomist
 - o Olive mill owner
 - o Other _

1.3) Studies level

1.4) Mother tongue and spoken languages

PART 2 (to be filled out only if you are an olive grove owner or if you are responsible for an olive grove)

- 2.1) What is the size of your olive grove?
 - o Less than 1 hectare
 - o Between 1 hectare and 5 hectares
 - o Between 5 and 10 hectares
 - o More than 10 hectares
- 2.2) Are you aware of the olive fruit fly problem in your area?
 - o Yes

o No

- 2.3) What types of treatments do you currently use to control the olive fly?
 - o Chemical pesticides cover sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait and cover sprayings
 - o Biological methods
 - o Preventive measures mass trapping, dusts etc
 - o I do not use any treatment

o Other (specify):_____









2.4) On average how many treatments do you carry out against the olive fly in a season?

- o 1-2
- o 3-4

o 5-7

o More than 7

2.5) How do you decide when to apply an olive fly management technique?

- o Visual inspection of the drupes
- o Use of traditional traps
- o Consultation with an expert
- o Consultation with the local pesticide dealer
- o Regional or local warning reports of infestations
- o No specific method
- o Other (specify):__

2.6) Would you be willing to change or supplement your current method of managing olive fly infestation? (tick answer, 0 no, would not change - 5 yes, definitely)

0 1 2 3 4 5

PART 3

3.1) Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?

o Yes

o No

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If Yes, describe shortly:

3.2) Do you think the electronic traps can improve olive fly monitoring?

(tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

0 1 2 3 4 5

3.3) Do you think that the *OliveFlyNet* system can contribute to improve olive fly management in your olive grove? (tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

5

1 2 3 4

3.4) Which of the following services do you think would be most important in the *OliveFlyNet* information system? o Digitization of the olive grove

o Adult monitoring

o Infestation monitoring

o Decision Support System for insecticide treatment

o Traceability of insecticide treatment carried out.

3.5) Would you apply or recommend the use of the OliveFlyNet system?

(please tick the answer, 0 definitely no - 5 definitely yes)

0 1 2 3 4 5

3.6) What do you think are the strengths of the OliveFlyNet system?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in









applying sprayings

o Reduction in insecticide treatment numbers/quantities

- o Greater effectiveness in protecting the olive grove particularly in years with high olive fly pressure
- o Increased timeliness of intervention

3.8) What do you think the limitations of the OliveFlyNet system might be?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

- o Difficulty of installing the e-traps in the field
 - o Difficulty in using the system in the field
 - o Lack of confidence in the computer system
 - o Difficulty in changing traditional approaches on the side of the farmer

3.9) How do you think the OliveFlyNet system could be improved to meet your needs?

3.10) Other comments:

3.11) Do you think that t the price of electronic trap is:

low, acceptable, high or very High is :

3.12) Do you think that the use of electronic trap is more effective if it is applied in an individual or collaborative way?

3.13) Do you think that the use of electronic trap is more effective if it is always managed by the research centers which ultimately give the solution to farmers?

Analysis and Results: Figure 3

In response to the questionnaire results obtained and analyzed from the participants please see Figure 3

The filled questionnaires are in the attached files: P04_4-5.10.2023_AnsQuest.pdf









Figures/Photos:

	FruitFlyNet II
	Programme des Living Labs « Advances on e-services »
	Institut de l'Olivier, Sfax, Tunisie
	(04 Octobre 2023)
	Ou
	(05 Octobre 2023)
08:00-13 :00	Living Lab sur les e-services
Madératrice	Dr. Zayneb Chadbene (ID)
08:00-08:30:	Accueil des participants au Siège Social de l'Institut de l'Olivier
enregistreme	svī.
08 :30 : Dépa	rt vers le site expérimentale « Taous »
09 :30: Arriv	ie à Taous
09:30-10:30	: Visite sur terrain (observation : e-trap, drone)
10:30-11:00	Pause-Café
11:00-11:30	Présentation du concept des Living Lab et des e-services (avantages) Dr. Zayneb Chaóbene
11:30-12:00	Essai du jour (limite des e-services).
	Mme. Manel Ben Ameur (IO) et Dr. Marwa Bouri (IO)
12:00-12:30	Table ronde (Discussion).
12:30-13:0) : Retour à l'IO
	nus de confirmer votre choix pour une seule date

Figure 1: The agenda (Two groups, one per day and per Living Lab)



1st demonstration day (October 4th, 2023) presence list:

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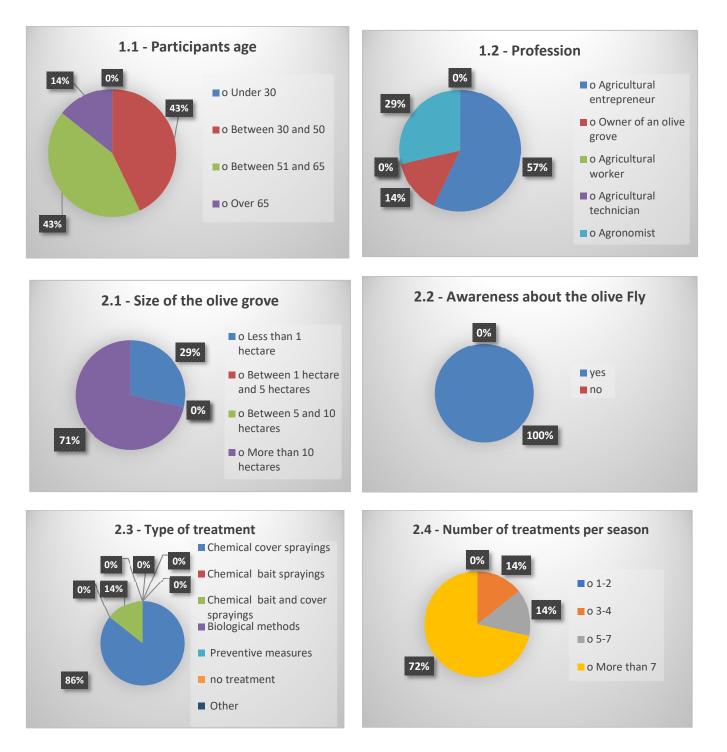
Figure 2: *Presentation list. Two groups, one per day and per Living Lab with 40 and 34 participants, respectively.*









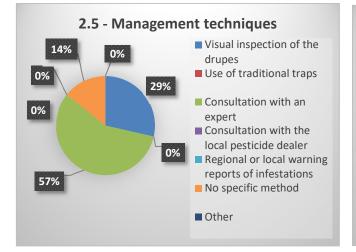


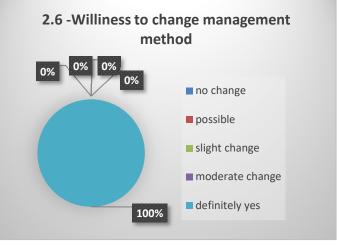


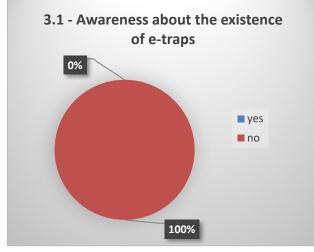


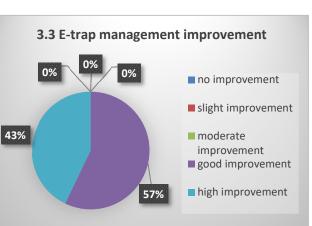


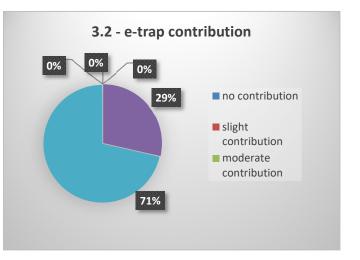
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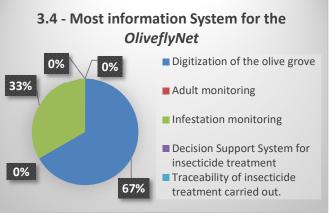










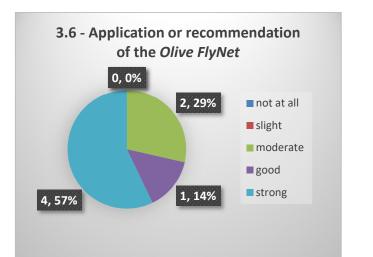












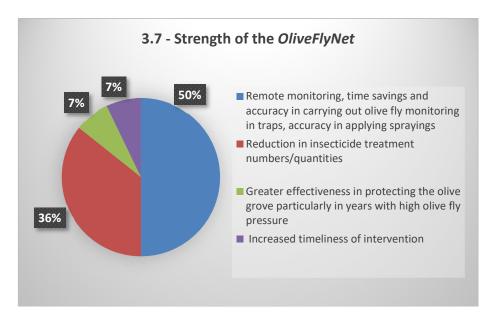


Figure 3: : Responses obtained from the questionnaire











Photo 1: *Living labs demonstration participants in site visit.*



Photo 2: Living labs demonstration participants in site visit.



Photo 3: The drone tests.



Photo 4: The technical team presents the use of drones in OliveFlyNet prototype.









11. **DEMO-12**: *OliveFlyNet* prototype demonstration in Larino, Molise, Italy

October 7th, 2023, University of Molise (UNIMOL-P02)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: P02 (UNIMOL)

Event Name: Oliveflynet prototype demonstration in Larino, Molise, Italy

Event Date: 7 October 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Professor Andrea Sciarretta, Filippo De Curtis, Marco Colacci

List/No of participants: Figure 12/19 (producers/farmers, researchers).

Physical location/ Line: Zeoli farm, Larino. Molise, Italy.

URL: <u>https://www2.unimol.it/blog/2023/10/03/difesa-degli-oliveti-dalla-mosca-dellolivo-unimol-unico-partner-italiano-del-progetto-internazionale/</u>

Brief Description: This demonstration took place at the Zeoli farm, located in Larino (Molise), composed by an olive grove and an oil mill, where WP4 activities have implemented for assessing the *OliveFlyNet* prototype system. The main objective of the demonstration was to give a practical example of the functioning of the prototype in the field and allow participants to assess the system directly. The demonstration dedicated to olive farmers, oil mill owners and agronomist of the olive sector. Nineteen (19) participants attended the event (Figure 2).

Associate Prof. Andrea Sciarretta briefly introduced the project *FruitFlyNet-ii* and the *OliveFlyNet* Location Aware System (LAS), then the participants moved into the olive groove for the demonstration of the system in the field.

Specific components of the prototype (e-trap functioning, semiautomatic counting of fly catches, DSS outputs, weather data consultation, risk maps) were run and tested by the participants.

After returning into the meeting hall, a questionnaire consisting of 19 questions was provided to the participants, who filled them in anonymous way, split into three parts. The first slot was composed by questions about their professional information, the second by queries about the dimension and management of their olive groves and the third about the use of *OliveFlyNet* in IPM system and opinions about the project concluded. The compiled tests were 17 overall. The results are shown in the Figure 3.

Then, a dissemination event took place, with interventions from UNIMOL staff, who made three technical presentations concerning topics closely related to the project:

Dr Marco Colacci: Smart Agriculture

Associate Prof. Andrea Sciarretta: New guidelines on olive fly monitoring and control

Prof Filippo De Curtis: Sustainable protection of the olive crop

A participated discussion followed, with questions related to the illustrated topics.

Presentations: P02_07.10.2023_Sciarretta.pdf.









OliveFlyNet-ii questionnaire:

1.1) Age:

- o Under 30
- o Between 30 and 50
- o Between 51 and 65

o Over 65

- 1.2) Profession (several options can be selected)
 - o Agricultural entrepreneur
 - o Owner of an olive grove
 - o Agricultural worker
 - o Agricultural technician
 - o Agronomist
 - o Olive mill owner
 - o Other _

PART 2 (to be filled out only if you are an olive grove owner or if you are responsible for an olive grove)

2.1) What is the size of your olive grove?

- o Less than 1 hectare
- o Between 1 hectare and 5 hectares
- o Between 5 and 10 hectares
- o More than 10 hectares
- 2.2) Are you aware of the olive fruit fly problem in your area?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 2.3) What types of treatments do you currently use to control the olive fly?
 - o Chemical pesticides cover sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait and cover sprayings
 - o Biological methods
 - o Preventive measures mass trapping, dusts etc
 - o I do not use any treatment
 - o Other (specify):_

2.4) On average how many treatments do you carry out against the olive fly in a season?

- o 1-2
- o 3-4
- o 5-7
- o More than 7
- 2.5) How do you decide when to apply an olive fly management technique?
 - o Visual inspection of the drupes
 - o Use of traditional traps
 - o Consultation with an expert
 - o Consultation with the local pesticide dealer









- o Regional or local warning reports of infestations
- o No specific method
- o Other (specify):_

2.6) Would you be willing to change or supplement your current method of managing olive fly infestation? (tick answer, 0 no, would not change - 5 yes, definitely)

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PART 3

3.1) Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?

o Yes

o No

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If Yes, describe shortly:

3.2) Do you think the electronic traps can improve olive fly monitoring?

(tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

- 1 2 3 4
- 3.3) Do you think that the *OliveFlyNet* system can contribute to improve olive fly management in your olive grove? (tick answer, 0 no contribution 5 high contribution)

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- 3.4) Which of the following services do you think would be most important in the *OliveFlyNet* information system? o Digitization of the olive grove
 - o Adult monitoring
 - o Infestation monitoring

o Decision Support System for insecticide treatment

- o Traceability of insecticide treatment carried out.
- 3.5) Would you apply or recommend the use of the OliveFlyNet system?

(please tick the answer, 0 definitely no - 5 definitely yes)

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3.6) What do you think are the strengths of the OliveFlyNet system?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings

o Reduction in insecticide treatment numbers/quantities

- o Greater effectiveness in protecting the olive grove particularly in years with high olive fly pressure
- o Increased timeliness of intervention
- 3.7) What do you think the limitations of the OliveFlyNet system might be?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

- o Difficulty of installing the e-traps in the field
- o Difficulty in using the system in the field
- o Lack of confidence in the computer system
- o Difficulty in changing traditional approaches on the side of the farmer

3.8) How do you think the OliveFlyNet system could be improved to meet your needs?









Analysis and Results: Figure 3

In response to the participants' questionnaires the results obtained from the analysis summarized as shown in the **Figure 3**.

Slot 1

Through the analysis of the first slot of questions it emerged that the engaged stakeholder group was composed by 17 people, with an average age from 30 to 50 years old (the 47%), followed by people over 65 (29%) and people with an average age 50 to 65 years (24%).

About the profession, people had the possibility to mark multiple answers. Most of the present were Agricultural entrepreneur (53%), followed by Owners of olive groves (35%) and Agronomists (29%).

Slot 2

The first question of the second part of the test was about the dimension of them olive grove. The 41% of the olive groves has an extension by 1 to 5 hectares, followed by groves less than 1 ha (24%), more than 10 ha (18%) and 5-10 ha (12%). The next question was related to knowledge about the olive fly problem in the area, and the 100% of the sample knew the problem. In the third, it was asked which methods have been used for the olive fly management. The 29% use biological control, the 24% chemical pesticides (cover sprayings), the same % does not use any treatment. The 53% said they do 1-2 treatments in the year, the 24% 3-4 treatments. The remaining didn't treat the olive grove this year. The following question was how people decide when apply an olive fly management technique. The 46% use traditional traps and the 35% does visual inspection of the drupes. The 18% require a consultation with an expert. The last question of this slot was about the availability to change their own management model for olive fly. The 41% would change their model; the 6% absolutely wouldn't change.

Slot3

The third slot was about the *OliveFlyNet* and the project *Fruitflynet-ii*. The first question was about the knowledge of e-traps for monitoring pests in agriculture. The 79% had not knowledge about this type of traps. The following was about the possibility to improving the monitory of olive fly using e-traps using a scale by 0 to 5 (0 no contribution-5 high contribution). All the stakeholders think that the use of this type of traps might contribute at monitoring. The 53% rated 4 and the 41% rated 5. Then, it was asked if *OliveFlyNet* might improve olive fly management in their olive groves, using a scale 0 to 5. Most of the questioners in the sample think that it might be a help in the management of the olive grove. The 53% rated 4 and the 35% rated 5. Only 6 % thinks that the system can't help him in the management. For the people, the most important service in the *OliveFlyNet* is the remote adult monitoring (41%), followed by the digitization of the olive grove (29%).

It was then asked if people would apply or recommend the use of *OliveFlyNet* system using a scale 0 to 5. The approval to this question was high, with the 47% rated 5 and the 18% rated 4. In this case too, one person (6%) rated 0. The 53% thinks that the most important point of the system is the possibility to do a remote monitoring, time savings









and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings. For another 47% the system is important to reduce insecticide treatments.

For about 41%, it might be difficult to change traditional approaches on the side of the farmer and for 26% it might be difficult use the system in the field. At last, it was asked how to improve *OliveFlyNet* system. Only three people answered and asked for better dissemination, optimized dimensions, and easy assembly. The compiled questionnaires are in the attached file.

18:00-19:00 Dissemination event

Then, a dissemination event took place, with interventions from UNIMOL staff, who made three technical presentations concerning topics closely related to the project:

Dr Marco Colacci: Smart Agriculture

Prof Andrea Sciarretta: New guidelines on olive fly monitoring and control.

Prof Filippo De Curtis: Sustainable protection of the olive crop.

A participated discussion followed, with questions related to the illustrated topics.

The filled questionnaires are in the attached files. P02_07.10.2023_AnsQuest_1-17.pdf









Figures/Photos:







Evento organizzato da: Dipartimento Agricoltura, Ambiente e Alimenti Università degli Studi del Molise



Controllo della mosca dell'olivo: Dimostrazione in campo del sistema informatico Oliveflynet

Incontro tecnico-divulgativo organizzato a conclusione del progetto europeo FruitFlyNet-II in cui verrà presentato un sistema informatico e una trappola elettronica per il monitoraggio e il controllo della mosca dell'olivo

7 OTTOBRE 2023 h. 16:30 – 19:00 AZIENDA AGRICOLA ZEOLI CONTRADA CARPINETO, N.25 LARINO (CB)

Programma:

Inizio h.16:30.

Dimostrazione in campo del sistema informatico Oliveflynet

A seguire, discussione sulla difesa dell'oliveto. Relatori:

• Prof. Andrea Sciarretta – Dott. Marco Colacci Prof. Filippo De Curtis

Al termine buffet di saluto

Figure 1: The agenda







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DIMOSTRAZIONE IN CAMPO

Dimostrazione in campo del sistema informatico OliveFlyNet

Sabato 7 ottobre 2023 ore 16.30 Azienda Agricola Zeoli, Contrada Carpineto 25 – Comune di Larino (Campobasso)

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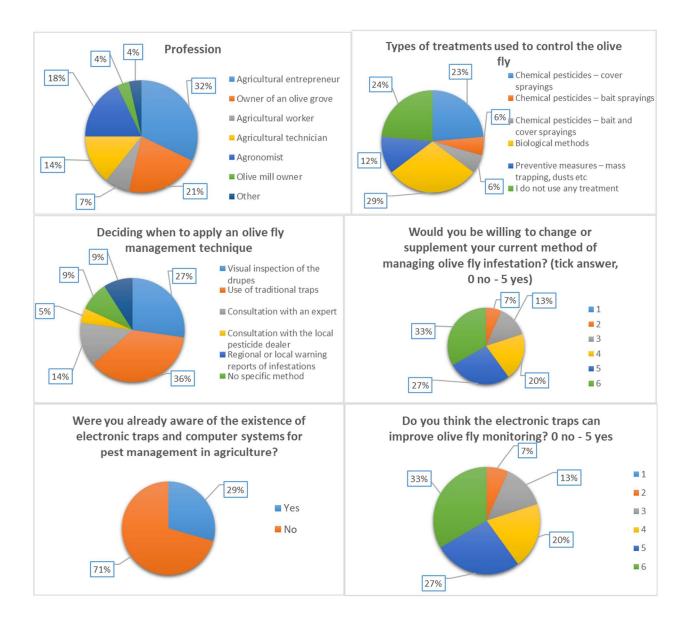
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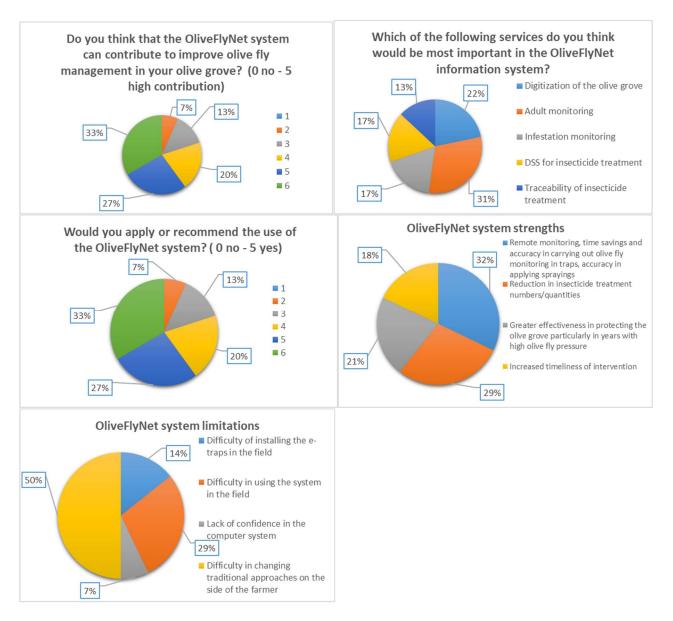


Figure 3: Analysis of completed questionnaires.











Photo 1: *Prof. Andrea Sciarretta is introducing the project and the prototype components before the field demonstration.*



Photos 2-3: Two moments of OliveFlyNet's field demonstration









12. **DEMO-13:** *FruitFlyNet-ii* in Spain presented in-field demonstration event by the University of Cordoba

October 9th, 2023, University of Cordoba (UCO-P01)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: P01 (UCO)

Event Name: FruitFlyNet-ii in Spain presented in-field demonstration event by the University of Cordoba Event Date: 9 October 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Assistant Professor Meelad Yousef, Emilio Calvo Cerezo and Flora Moreno Alcaide **List/No of participants**: No List/26 participants (Agricultural entrepreneur, Owner of an olive grove, Agronomist, Agricultural technician, producers/farmers, researchers).

Physical location/ Line: Field demonstration event in Antequera (Malaga). Andalusia, Spain

URL: https://www.enicbcmed.eu/oliveflynet-field-demonstration-event-university-cordoba-spain

Brief Description: FruitFlyNet-ii

On 9th October, in the framework of our ENI CBCMED Programme *FruitFlyNet-ii* of the, Assistant Prof. Meelad Yousef Yousef, together with Emilio Calvo Cerezo and Flora Moreno Alcaide, technical managers of the project in Spain, from the ETSIAM (Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería Agronómica y de Montes) of the University of Córdoba; organised the second demonstration and dissemination event of the project to transmit our knowledge about the olive fly and the innovations that e-trap and e-services bring to its management to farmers, cooperatives, IPM industry and stakeholders.

First, Assistant Prof. Yousef explained why olive fruit fly *Bactrocera oleae* Rossi is the main pest for the olive crop and how is their lifecycle, which is fully adapted to the olive crop phenology. As consequence of this, the olive fly causes very costly damage to olive orchards.

Below, Flora Moreno shows the method for estimating the population of the olive fly, as explained in the IPM national guide. This includes the type and the number of traps, the olive fruit samplings, and the periodicity of the field visits. Innovations on the optimisation of the methods carried out by our team were also explained with details such as the effects of trap colours and size, the optimal number of traps per hectare and the influence on the beneficial populations. All these data are used to feed a Decision Support System (DSS), which indicates when a control action against the olive fly is necessary. In addition, different control methods were presented.

Emilio Calvo then lists the pros and the cons of the current olive fly monitoring systems and explains why a Location Aware System (LAS) is a needed improvement to increase the temporal and the spatial monitoring resolution. This LAS relies on 2 form, e-trap, and e-services. The e-trap, the electronic trap, is the key point for the semi-automatic or automatic olive fly recognition system, a stand-alone Internet of Things (IoT) device. E-services uses the data provided by the e-trap to obtain risk maps and treatment guidance maps for precision treatment. These objectives are achieved by the digitalization of the olive orchard, using GIS tools, and collecting field data, with a GPS tablet.

The event continued with an outdoor session in an olive orchard showing the use of the e-trap in the field and the GPS tablet to collect data. All the assistants expressed a great interest on the *FruitFlyNet-ii* project and its objectives







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and made strong feedback.

Presentations: *Demo_09.10.2023_Yousef.pdf FruitFlyNet-ii* questionnaire

PART 1

1.1) Age:

- o Under 30
- o Between 30 and 50
- o Between 51 and 65
- o Over 65
- 1.2) Profession (several options can be selected)
 - o Agricultural entrepreneur
 - o Owner of an olive grove
 - o Agricultural worker
 - o Agricultural technician
 - o Agronomist
 - o Olive mill owner
 - o Other ___

PART 2 (to be filled out only if you are an olive grove owner or if you are responsible for an olive grove) 2.1) What is the size of your olive grove?

- o Less than 1 hectare
- o Between 1 hectare and 5 hectares
- o Between 5 and 10 hectares
- o More than 10 hectares
- 2.2) Are you aware of the olive fruit fly problem in your area?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 2.3) What types of treatments do you currently use to control the olive fly?
 - o Chemical pesticides cover sprayings.
 - o Chemical pesticides bait sprayings.
 - o Chemical pesticides bait and cover sprayings.
 - o Biological methods
 - o Preventive measures mass trapping, dusts etc.
 - o I do not use any treatment.
 - o Other (specify):_

2.4) On average how many treatments do you carry out against the olive fly in a season?

- o 1-2
- o 3-4
- o 5-7
- o More than 7









2.5) How do you decide when to apply an olive fly management technique?

- o Visual inspection of the drupes
- o Use of traditional traps
- o Consultation with an expert
- o Consultation with the local pesticide dealer
- o Regional or local warning reports of infestations
- o No specific method
- o Other (specify):_

2.6) Would you be willing to change or supplement your current method of managing olive fly infestation? (tick answer, 0 no, would not change - 5 yes, definitely)

0 1 2 3 4 5

PART 3

3.1) Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?

- o Yes
- o No

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If YES, describe shortly:

3.2) Do you think the electronic traps can improve olive fly monitoring?

(tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

0 1 2 3 4 5

3.3) Do you think that the *OliveFlyNet* system can contribute to improve olive fly management in your olive grove? (tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

1 2 3 4 5

3.4) Which of the following services do you think would be most important in the *OliveFlyNet* information system? o Digitization of the olive grove

- o Adult monitoring
- o Infestation monitoring
- o Decision Support System for insecticide treatment
- o Traceability of insecticide treatment carried out.

3.5) Would you apply or recommend the use of the OliveFlyNet system?

(please tick the answer, 0 definitely no - 5 definitely yes)

0 1 2 3 4 5

3.6) What do you think are the strengths of the *OliveFlyNet* system?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings

o Reduction in insecticide treatment numbers/quantities

- o Greater effectiveness in protecting the olive grove particularly in years with high olive fly pressure
- o Increased timeliness of intervention
- 3.8) What do you think the limitations of the OliveFlyNet system might be?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)









o Difficulty of installing the e-traps in the field

o Difficulty in using the system in the field

o Lack of confidence in the computer system

o Difficulty in changing traditional approaches on the side of the farmer

3.9) How do you think the OliveFlyNet system could be improved to meet your needs?

3.10) Other comments:

Analysis and Results: Figure 2

In response to the participants' questionnaires the results obtained from the analysis (Figure 2) many were aware of the problem of the olive fruit fly in the sector and used various methods for its control. In relation to electronic traps, they were already aware of the existence of others used on other insects.

Although it seemed to them a great advance in the introduction of 4.0 technology to carry out an optimal monitoring of the population and thus carry out a correct decision making, there were also discrepancies in terms of the cost of the trap and its reliability, having to improve its optimization for the complete automation of the trap.

The filled questionnaires are in the attached file: P01_09.10.2023_AnsQuest.pdf.









Figures/Photos:



AGENDA

2nd Field demonstration of the electronic trap and its services for monitoring the olive fruit fly

9th October 2023

Antequera (Malaga) Spain

8:30-9:00 Welcome

9:00-10:0 Taxonomic classification, morphology, biology and life cycle of the olive fruit fly (*Bactrocera oleae*)(Rossi) 10:00-11:00 Monitoring and control of olive fruit fly

11:00-11:30 Coffe break

12:30-14:00 Practical training: Simulation of the operation of an electronic trap (setting, identification and tracking)



Figure 1: Agenda of the Demonstration







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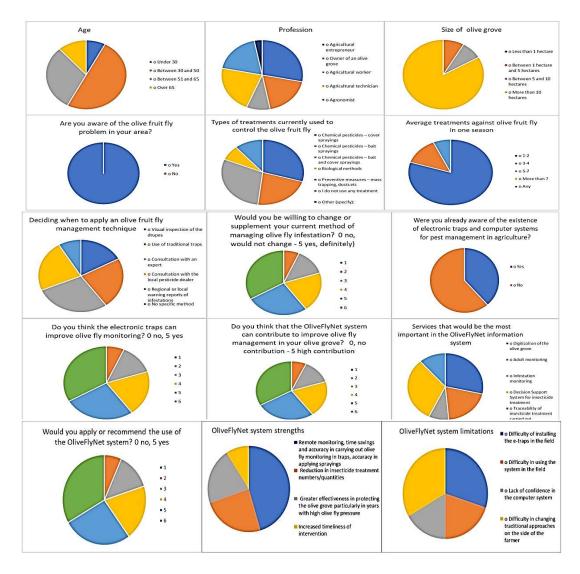


Figure 2: Responses obtained to this questionnaire











Photo 1: Publicity 2nd Demonstration Event



Photo 2: Field demonstration of the electronic trap to participants











Photo 3: An overview of the second demonstration event



Photo 4: Assistant Prof. Yousef explains the various aspects of the olive fruit fly



Photo 5: Explanation the LAS olive fruit fly monitoring and control method in Spain



Photo 6: Emilio's and Flora's explanation to the attendee's about the different aspects of the electronic trap









13. **DEMO-14:** *FruitFlyNet-ii* organised demonstration event for the *OliveFruitFly* in Metamorphosi, Laconia, Greece

October 12th, 2023, Agricultural University of Athens (AUA-BEN)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: BEN (AUA)

Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii organised demonstration event for the OliveFruitFly in Metamorphosi, Laconia, Greece* **Event Date**: 12th October 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis, Associate Prof. Dionysios Perdikis, Dr. Costas Pontikakos.

List/No of participants: 38 (producers/farmers, researchers): Figure 2

Physical location/ Line: Metamprphosi, Moaoi, South Peloponnesus, Greece.

URL: FruitFlyNet-ii organised demonstration event for OliveFruitFly in Metamorphosi, Lakonia, Greece | ENI CBC Med

Brief Description:

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, a demonstration event of the OliveFlyNet organized by the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA) took place in the village of Metamorphosi in Lakonia, South Peloponnese, where the respective wide area site of the beneficiary is located. The main aims of the demonstration were to present the achievements and the new tools produced under of the OliveFlyNet, to describe the benefits they bring to the current practices, demonstrate their functionalities and at the end to open the discussion with the stakeholders, clarify any remarks and collect their opinions attitudes and criticism, also by asking them to fill in a specifically designed questionnaire. The demonstration event started by a welcome speech of the president of the local cooperative of farmers, describing the problems they face in the control of olive fruit fly, which is a main threat to their production and described what they expect from the new system. The members of the team of *FruitFlyNet-ii* project welcomed the participants and all stressed the high attendance indicating the high interest for the new developments by the farmers. The project coordinator Professor Theodore Tsiligiridis explained the frame and the aims of the FruitFlyNet*ii* project and then presented the e-trap for the *OliveFlyNet*. The benefits of the use of the e-trap in comparison to the limitations of the conventional traps, such as the remote monitoring, the precision in counting the pest captures and the timely collection of field data. The main components of the e-trap were shown to the stakeholders and their functions explained. Then, Professor Dionysios Perdikis, technical manager of the project, explained how the decision systems developed in the *OliveFlyNet* use the data from the traps and other data (infestation, phenological stage of the fruits, climatic data) to decide when, where, how and what to be sprayed in the field according to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) rules for applying sprayings against the olive fruit fly. Finally, Dr Costas Pontikakos presented the e-services of the OliveFlyNet related to the field digitization, the geodatabase, the remote and in-field data collection, the production of pest risk maps, the guidance for sprayings and the traceability of spraying actions using the modernized platform of *OliveFlyNet* and the 3D web mapping.

A vivid discussion followed with the feedback of many farmers to be positive saying that the new system can be really very helpful to them and congratulate the team for the innovative approaches developed. Comments also received









regarding possible difficulties for farmers to apply the system or about its likely high cost. In the audience also agricultural engineers and extension service personnel were present taking also place in the discussions and the other activities. Next, the in-field demonstration of the system functionalities took place, and the audience had the opportunity to use the GPS tablet to collect and upload by themselves trap and tree data through mobile GIS and to explore the e-trap. At the end the participants filled in the project questionnaire for the *OliveFlyNet* case. The questionnaire was prepared and elaborated with comments from all the partners to be used in all the demonstrations of the project. At the end, all participants expressed their gratitude for the demonstration and implementation of the system up to the harvesting time. They also expressed their interest to participate in the coming Living Lab meeting and be informed for further technical developments and the progress of the commercialization process.

Presentations:

Oral presentation of the Olive fly e-trap and its functionality by Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis BEN_12.10.2023_OliveFlyNet_Perdikis.pdf BEN_12.10.2023_OliveFlyNet_Pontikakos.pdf In-field demonstration

OliveFlyNet-ii questionnaire:

1.1) Age:

- o Under 30
- o Between 30 and 50
- o Between 51 and 65
- o Over 65
- 1.2) Profession (several options can be selected)
 - o Agricultural entrepreneur
 - o Owner of an olive grove
 - o Agricultural worker
 - o Agricultural technician
 - o Agronomist
 - o Olive mill owner
 - o Other _____

PART 2 (to be filled out only if you are an olive grove owner or if you are responsible for an olive grove)

2.1) What is the size of your olive grove?

- o Less than 1 hectare
- o Between 1 hectare and 5 hectares
- o Between 5 and 10 hectares
- o More than 10 hectares
- 2.2) Are you aware of the olive fruit fly problem in your area?
 - o Yes
 - o No









- 2.3) What types of treatments do you currently use to control the olive fly?
 - o Chemical pesticides cover sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait and cover sprayings
 - o Biological methods
 - o Preventive measures mass trapping, dusts etc
 - o I do not use any treatment
 - o Other (specify):_

2.4) On average how many treatments do you carry out against the olive fly in a season?

- o 1-2
- o 3-4
- o 5-7
- o More than 7

2.5) How do you decide when to apply an olive fly management technique?

- o Visual inspection of the drupes
- o Use of traditional traps
- o Consultation with an expert
- o Consultation with the local pesticide dealer
- o Regional or local warning reports of infestations
- o No specific method
- o Other (specify):_

2.6) Would you be willing to change or supplement your current method of managing olive fly infestation? (tick answer, 0 no, would not change - 5 yes, definitely)

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PART 3

3.1) Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?

- o Yes
- o No

If Yes, describe shortly:

3.2) Do you think the electronic traps can improve olive fly monitoring?

(tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

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3.3) Do you think that the *OliveFlyNet* system can contribute to improve olive fly management in your olive grove? (tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

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3.4) Which of the following services do you think would be most important in the *OliveFlyNet* information system? o Digitization of the olive grove

o Adult monitoring

o Infestation monitoring

o Decision Support System for insecticide treatment









o Traceability of insecticide treatment carried out.

3.5) Would you apply or recommend the use of the *OliveFlyNet* system?

(please tick the answer, 0 definitely no - 5 definitely yes)

0 1 2 3 4 5

3.6) What do you think are the strengths of the OliveFlyNet system?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings

o Reduction in insecticide treatment numbers/quantities

- o Greater effectiveness in protecting the olive grove particularly in years with high olive fly pressure
- o Increased timeliness of intervention
- 3.7) What do you think the limitations of the OliveFlyNet system might be?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Difficulty of installing the e-traps in the field

- o Difficulty in using the system in the field
- o Lack of confidence in the computer system
- o Difficulty in changing traditional approaches on the side of the farmer
- 3.8) How do you think the OliveFlyNet system could be improved to meet your needs?

Analysis and Results: Figure 3

In response to the participants' questionnaires the results obtained from the analysis are presented in Figure 3.

The filled questionnaires are in the attached files.

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Figures/Photos:



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Agenda

of the OliveFlyNet Demonstration

October 12, 2023 Metamorfosi, Laconia, Greece

Agricultural University of Athens (BEN)

e Fru	itFlyNet II
	Thursday, October 12, 2023
Cu	ultural Center, Metamorfosi, Laconia, Greece
18:00 - 18:05:	Opening – Welcome address
18:05 - 18:15:	The OliveFlyNet e-trap. Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis (BEN)
18:15 - 18:25:	The OliveFlyNet Decision Support Systems. Prof. Dionysios
	Perdikis (BEN)
18:25 - 18:35:	The OliveFlyNet LAS e-services implementation. Dr Costas
	Pontikakos (BEN)
18:40 - 19:00:	Demonstration - discussion
19:00:	Closing







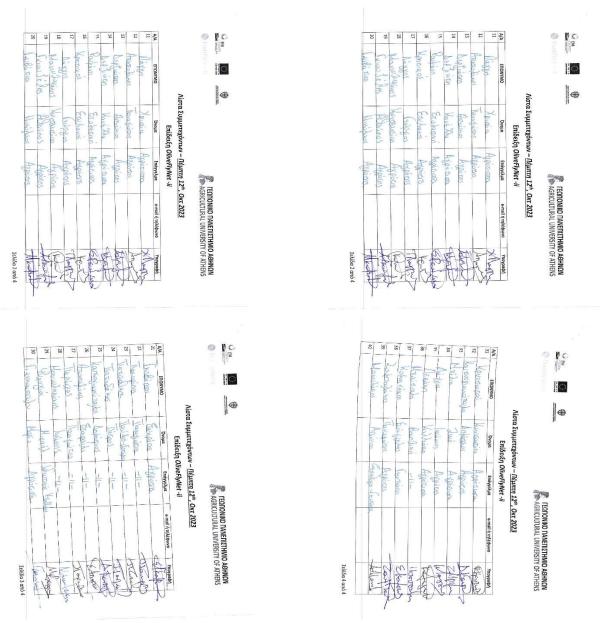
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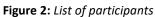






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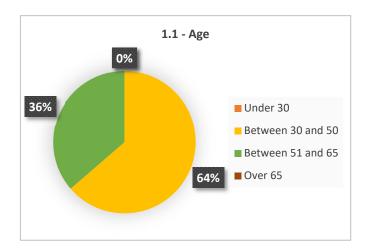




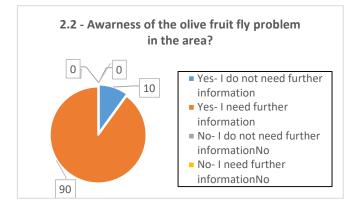


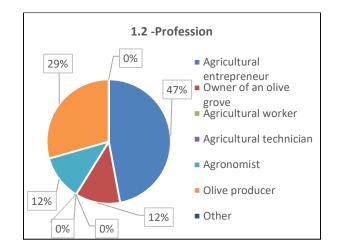


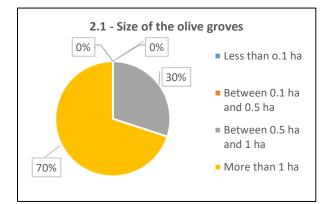


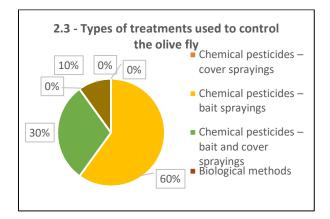












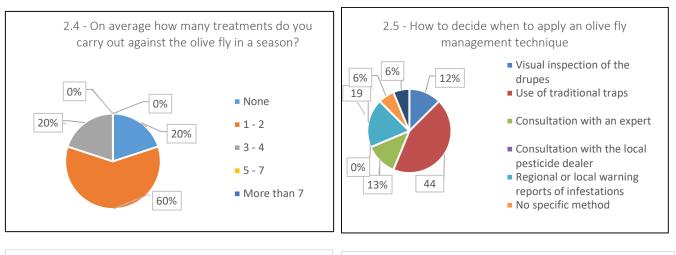
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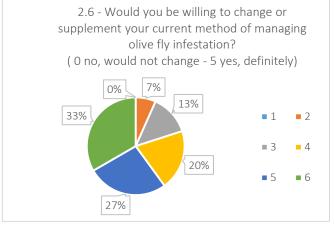




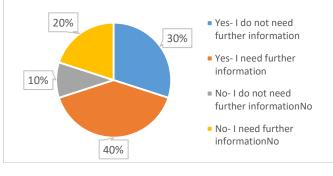








3.2 - Do you think the electronic traps can improve olive fly monitoring? ("rank 0" no contribution - "rank 5" high contribution) 0% 0% • rank 0 • rank 1 • rank 2 • rank 3 • rank 4 80 • rank 5 3.1 - Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?



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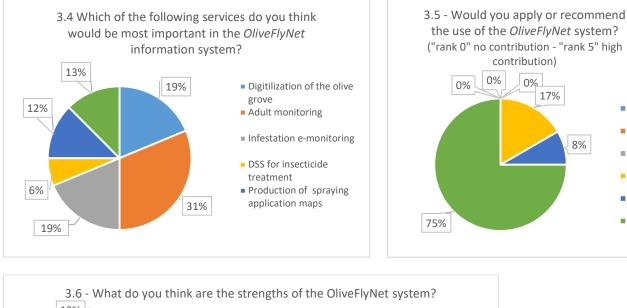
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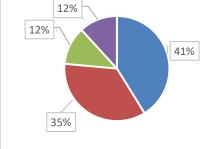
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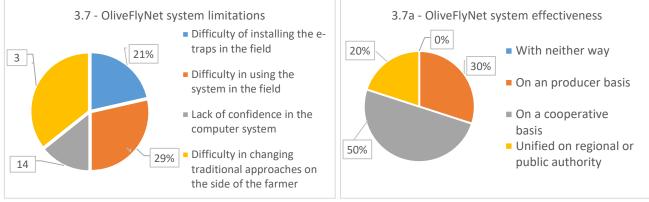


Figure 3: Responses obtained to this questionnaire (graphs: 1.1-1.3, 2.1-2.6, 3.1-3.7a)









Photo 1: The president of Cooperative welcome the team



Photo 2: Assoc. Professor Dionysios Perdikis presents the OliveFlyNet system to the olive fruit farmers.



Photo 3: *Dr. Costas Pontikakos presents the LAS e-services the olive fruit producers.*



Photo 4: *Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis explains the functionality of to the olive fly e-trap.*









14. **DEMO-15:** *FruitFlyNet-ii* organised demonstration event for the *MedFruitFly* in Foiniki, Laconia, Greece

October 12th, 2023, Agricultural University of Athens (AUA-BEN)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: BEN (AUA)

Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii organised demonstration event for the MedFruitFly in Foiniki, Laconia, Greece* **Event Date**: 12th October 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis, Associate Prof. Dionysios Perdikis, Dr. Costas Pontikakos.

List/No of participants: Figure 2/8 (producers/farmers, researchers)

Physical location/ Line: Foiniki, Laconia, South Peloponnese, Greece

URL: <u>FruitFlyNet-ii organizes field demonstration of the electronic system MedFlyNet for the monitoring and control against the Mediterranean fruit fly | ENI CBC Med</u>

Brief Description:

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, a demonstration event of the *MedFlyNet* organized by the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA) took place in the village of Foiniki in Lakonia, South Peloponnese, where the respective wide area site of the beneficiary is located. The main aims of the demonstration were to present the achievements and the new tools produced under of the *MedFlyNet*, to describe the benefits they bring to the current practices, demonstrate their functionalities and at the end to open the discussion with the stakeholders, clarify any remarks and collect their opinions attitudes and criticism, also by asking them to fill in a specifically designed questionnaire. The demonstration event started by a welcome speech of the president of the local cooperative of farmers, describing the problems they face in the control of olive fruit fly, which is a main threat to their production and described what they expect from the new system. The members of the team of *FruitFlyNet-ii* project welcomed the participants and all stressed the high attendance indicating the high interest for the new developments by the farmers. The project coordinator Professor Theodore Tsiligiridis explained the frame and the aims of the FruitFlyNet*ii* project and then presented the e-trap for the *MedFlyNet*. The benefits of the use of the e-trap in comparison to the limitations of the conventional traps, such as the remote monitoring, the precision in counting the pest captures and the timely collection of field data. The main components of the e-trap were shown to the stakeholders and their functions explained. Then, Professor Dionysios Perdikis, technical manager of the project, explained how the decision systems developed in the *MedFlyNet* use the data from the traps and other data (infestation, phenological stage of the fruits, climatic data) to decide when, where, how and what to be sprayed in the field according to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) rules for applying sprayings against the olive fruit fly. Finally, Dr Costas Pontikakos presented the e-services of the *MedFlyNet* related to the field digitization, the geodatabase, the remote and in-field data collection, the production of pest risk maps, the guidance for sprayings and the traceability of spraying actions using the modernized platform of *MedFlyNet* and the 3D web mapping.









A vivid discussion followed with the feedback of many farmers to be positive saying that the new system can be really very helpful to them and congratulate the team for the innovative approaches developed. Comments also received regarding possible difficulties for farmers to apply the system or about its likely high cost. In the audience also agricultural engineers and extension service personnel were present taking also place in the discussions and the other activities. Next, the in-field demonstration of the system functionalities took place, and the audience had the opportunity to use the GPS tablet to collect and upload by themselves trap and tree data through mobile GIS and to explore the e-trap. At the end the participants filled in the project questionnaire for the *MedFlyNet* case. The questionnaire was prepared and elaborated with comments from all the partners to be used in all the demonstrations of the project in their olive orchards and expressed their gratitude for the demonstration and implementation of the system up to the harvesting time. They also expressed their interest to participate in the coming Living Lab meeting and be informed for further technical developments and the progress of the commercialization process.

Presentations:

Oral presentation of the Med fly e-trap and its functionality by Prof. Theodore Tsiligiridis BEN_12.10.2023_MedFlyNet_Perdikis.pdf BEN_12.10.2023i_MedFlyNet_Pontikakos.pdf In-field demonstration

MedFlyNet questionnaire: No questionnaires were distributed because all the participants were the producers already contracted with the project to implement certain activities in their citrus (orange) orchards (see cont.









Figures/Photos



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Agenda

of the *MedFlyNet* Demonstration October 12, 2023 Metamorfosi, Laconia, Greece

Agricultural University of Athens (BEN)





Figure 1: Agenda and invitation of the MedFlyNet prototype demonstration

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	Thursday, Octobe	r 12, 2023
Cu	iltural Center, Metamorf	osi, Laconia, Greece
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	Perdikis (BEN)	
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	Pontikakos (BEN)	
17:40 - 18:00:	Demonstration - discussi	ion
18:00:	Closing	





Figure 2: List of MedFlyNet participants











Photo 1: An overview of the MedFlyNet system to the orange fruit farmers.



Photo 2: Installing the MedFly e-Traps





Photo 3-4: Assoc. Professor Dionysios Perdikis and Dr. Costas Pontikakos present the MedFlyNet system to the citrusfruit farmers.









15. **DEMO-16:** *MedFlyNet* prototype demonstration in Corcolle, Latium, Italy

October 12, 2023, University of Molise (UNIMOL-P02)

Demo Elements

Organizing Partner: P02 (UNIMOL)

Event Name: MedFlyNet prototype demonstration in Corcolle, Latium, Italy

Event Date: 12th October 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Associate Prof. Andrea Sciarretta, Filippo De Curtis, Dr.Marco Colacci; Dr. Guido Bernabei, Dr. Patrizia Ferrante, Dr. Maria Rosaria Tabilio, Prof. Carlo Fideghelli.

List/No of participants: Figure 2/19 (producers/farmers, researchers).

Physical location/ Line: Verbesi farm, Corcolle. Latium, Italy.

URL: <u>https://www.enicbcmed.eu/medflynet-field-demonstration-event-organized-university-molise-italy</u>

Brief Description: This demonstration was taken place at the Verbesi farm, located in Corcolle (Latium), composed by peach orchards, where WP4 activities have been implemented for test the *MedFlyNet* prototype system. In addition to UNIMOL staff, also researchers from CREA-Centre of Fruitculture, a subcontractor in the project, participated to the event. Stakeholders are farmers, agronomists, policy makers. Thirty-nine (39) participants attended the event (**Figure 2**). Prof. Andrea Sciarretta opened the meeting by introducing the project *FruiFlyNet-ii* and briefly explaining the *MedFlyNet* system. After that, he gave the floor to the Lazio Region Agriculture Councilor and the Regional Environment Agency Director for their institutional greetings.

All the participants moved to the nearby orchards to see and test the prototype. In the field the following components were observed and tested: digitalized farm, use of the device to orientate in the orchard, e-trap, recognition and counting of medfly specimens from the device, production of the risk maps, use of the DSS, DSS outputs, type of treatment suggested by the DSS. An approval questionnaire consisting of 19 questions has been submitted to the participants of the final event of the project *MedFlyNet*, split into three parts. The first slot was composed by questions about professional information, the second by queries about the dimension and management of their orchards and the third about the use of the *MedFlyNet* LAS system and the project concluded. The compiled tests were 29 overall. Results are shown in **Figure 3**. In the premise of the farm, a technical and informative meeting took place, with the participation of experts. Dr. Marco Colacci (UNIMOL) introduced the concepts of Smart agriculture, Dr. Guido Bernabei (CREA) spoke about the new medfly control tools, Dr. Patrizia Ferrante (CREA) reported some examples of sustainable control from Italy, Dr. Rosaria Tabilio (external expert) summarized the SIT application for medfly control and Prof. Carlo Fideghelli (external expert) analysed the problems due to the withdrawal of insecticides in the EU countries and possible alternatives.

Presentations: P02_12.10.2023_Sciarretta.pdf







MedFlyNet questionnaire:

PART 1

- 1.1) Age:
 - o Under 30
 - o Between 30 and 50
 - o Between 51 and 65
 - o Over 65
- 1.2) Profession (several options can be selected)
 - o Agricultural entrepreneur
 - o Owner of a fruit orchard
 - o Agricultural worker
 - o Agricultural technician
 - o Agronomist
 - o Fruit retailer
 - o Other _

PART 2 (to be filled out only if you are a fruit orchard owner or if you are responsible for a fruit orchard)

- 2.1) What is the size of your fruit orchard?
 - o Less than 1 hectare
 - o Between 1 hectare and 5 hectares
 - o Between 5 and 10 hectares
 - o More than 10 hectares
- 2.2) Are you aware of the Mediterranean fruit fly problem in your area?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 2.3) What types of treatments do you currently use to control the Mediterranean fruit fly?
 - o Chemical pesticides cover sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait and cover sprayings
 - o Biological methods
 - o Preventive measures mass trapping, attract-and-kill
 - o I do not use any treatment
 - o Other (specify):____

2.4) On average how many treatments do you carry out against the Mediterranean fruit fly in a season?

- o 1-2
- o 3-4
- o 5-7
- o More than 7

2.5) How do you decide when to apply a Mediterranean fruit fly management technique?

- o Visual inspection of the fruits
- o Use of traditional traps









- o Consultation with an expert
- o Consultation with the local pesticide dealer
- o Regional or local warning reports of infestations
- o No specific method
- o Other (specify):_

2.6) Would you be willing to change or supplement your current method of managing Mediterranean fruit fly infestation? (tick answer, 0 no, would not change - 5 yes, definitely)

0 1 2 3 4 5

PART 3

3.1) Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?

- o Yes
- o No

If YES, describe shortly:

3.2) Do you think the electronic traps can improve Mediterranean fruit fly monitoring?

- (tick answer, 0 no contribution 5 high contribution)
 - 0 1 2 3 4 5

3.3) Do you think that the *MedFlyNet* system can contribute to improve Mediterranean fruit fly management in your fruit orchard? (tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

5

0 1 2 3 4

3.4) Which of the following services do you think would be most important in the *MedFlyNet* information system? o Digitization of the fruit orchard

- o Adult monitoring
- o Infestation monitoring

o Decision Support System for insecticide treatment

- o Traceability of insecticide treatment carried out.
- 3.5) Would you apply or recommend the use of the *MedFlyNet* system?
- (please tick the answer, 0 definitely no 5 definitely yes)
 - 0 1 2 3 4 5

3.6) What do you think are the strengths of the *MedFlyNet* system?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings

- o Reduction in insecticide treatment numbers/quantities
- o Greater effectiveness in protecting the olive grove particularly in years with high olive fly pressure o Increased timeliness of intervention

3.7) What do you think the limitations of the *MedFlyNet* system might be?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Difficulty of installing the e-traps in the field

o Difficulty in using the system in the field

o Lack of confidence in the computer system









o Difficulty in changing traditional approaches on the side of the farmer 3.8) How do you think the *MedFlyNet* system could be improved

Analysis and Results: Figures 3

In response to the participants' questionnaires the results obtained from the analysis summarized as shown in the **Figure 3.**

Slot 1

Through the analysis of the first slot of questions it emerged that the sample was composed by 29 people, with an average age from 30 to 50 years old (the 34%), followed by people over 65 (31%) and people with an average age from 50 to 65 years (28%). The second question of this slot was about the profession. Most of the presents were agricultural entrepreneur (34%), followed by owners of orchards (28%) and Agronomists (24%).

Slot 2

The first question of the second part of the test was about the dimension of the orchard. The 28% of the orchard has an extension of more than 10 ha, followed by orchards from 1 to 5 ha (21%) and from 5 to 10 ha (17%).

About the knowledge of the medfly problem in the area, 100% of the sample knew the problem.

About the medfly management, 48% use Chemical pesticides (with cover sprayings), 21% Chemical pesticides (bait and cover sprayings) and 14% don't use any treatment. The 28% said that they do more than 7 treatments in the year, 21% do 5-7 treatments, the 14% 1 to 2 treatments and the 7% 3 to 4.

For the question on how people decide when to apply a medfly management, 41% of them use traditional traps and the 24% does visual inspection of the fruits. The 10% require a consultation with an expert. The last question of this slot was about the availability to change their own management model for Med fruit fly. The 38% would change their model; the 3% absolutely wouldn't change. At this question ten people didn't answer at all (34%).

Slot 3

The third slot was about the knowledge of electronic traps and the MedFlyNet project. The first question was about the knowledge of electronic traps for monitoring pests in agriculture. The 48% had not knowledge about this type of traps. At this question two people didn't answer.

About the possibility to improving the monitoring of Medfly using the e-trap, using a scale from 0 to 5 (0 no contribution-5 high contribution), most of the sample thinks that the use of this type of traps might contribute at monitoring. The 48% rated 5 and the 17% rated 4.

Considering the whole *MedFlyNet* system, most of the sample thinks that it might be a help in the management of the orchard. The 41% rated 5 and the 21% rated 4. For the people the most important services in the MedFlyNet are the possibility to have a Decision Support System for insecticide treatment (41%) and the help in adult monitoring (38%).

When asked if people would apply or recommend the use of *MedFlyNet* system, using a scale from 0 to 5, the positive answers were high, with the 48% rated 5 and the 24% rated 4. About the strengths of the *MedFlyNet* system, the 45% thinks that the most important point of the system is the possibility to do a remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out med fruit fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings. For another 38% the system is important to reduce insecticide treatments.

About the criticality of the system, for about 45% of answers, it might be difficult to change traditional approaches on the side of the farmer and for 38% it might be difficult use the system in the field. As last open question, it was asked how to improve *MedFlyNet* system. Only five people answered and indicated more advertising and a reduction









in the costs of the e-trap.

18:00-19:30 Dissemination event

In the premise of the farm, a technical and informative meeting took place, with the participation of experts. Dr. Marco Colacci (Unimol) introduced the concepts of Smart agriculture, dr. Guido Bernabei (CREA) spoke about the new medfly control tools, dr. Patrizia Ferrante (CREA) reported some examples of sustainable control from Italy and Spain, dr. Rosaria Tabilio (external expert) summarized the SIT application for medfly control and prof. Carlo Fideghelli (external expert) analyzed the problems due to the withdrawal of insecticides in the EU countries and possible alternatives.

The filled questionnaires are in the attached files.

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Figures/Photos:





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Commercialization of an Automated Monitoring and Control System against the Olive and Med Fruit Flies of the Mediterranean Region



INCONTRO TECNICO-DIMOSTRATIVO 12 OTTOBRE 2023 h. 16:00–19:00 SOCIETÀ AGRICOLA PRUNUS PERSICA DI VERBESI S.S. Via Polense 470, CORCOLLE (RM)

L'incontro tecnico-dimostrativo viene organizzato nell'ambito del progetto FruitFlyNet-II finanziato nell'ambito del ENICBCMED Programme 2014-2020-Cooperating Across Borders in the Mediterranean. Si assisterà alla dimostrazione in campo della trappola elettronica e del sistema di supporto alle decisioni (DSS) utili nella gestione delle infestazioni da Mosca Mediterranea della frutta. Gli interventi da parte di ricercatori ed esperti del settore affronteranno le problematiche inerenti la difesa del frutteto.

Segreteria organizzativa: Dott.ssa Patrizia Ferrante, Prof. Andrea Sciarretta

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Programma:

Inizio h. 16:00.

Registrazione partecipanti Saluti e Introduzione al Progetto, Prof. Andrea Sciarretta - Università degli Studi del Molise

Dimostrazione in campo della trappola elettronica e del prototipo Medflynet

Interventi programmati:

- Dott. Marco Colacci Università degli Studi del Molise. L'agricoltura digitale
 Dott. Guido Bernabei CREA-OFA. Ciclo biologico, danni e metodi di controllo
- ecocompatibili della Mosca Mediterranea della frutta • Dott.ssa Patrizia Ferrante – CREA-OFA. Gestione degli attacchi di *Ceratitis capitata* in diversi areali (Calabria e Murcia-Spagna)
- Dott.ssa Maria Rosaria Tabilio CREA-OFA. La tecnica dell'insetto sterile per gestire Ceratitis capitata: una strategia possibile
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 Prof. Carlo Fideghelli CREA-OFA. La politica europea di riduzione degli antiparassitari tradizionali e le gravi difficoltà dei frutticoltori per il controllo della Mosca Mediterranea della frutta
- Dott.. Renato Merzetti Presidente Terre Sabine s.r.l. Criticità riscontrate nella filiera frutticola della Sabina

h.19:00 Discussione

Al termine buffet di saluto

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Figure 1: The agenda









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DIMOSTRAZIONE IN CAMPO
Dimostrazione in campo del sistema informatico MedFlyNet

Giovedi 12 ottobre 2023 ore 16.00 Società Agricola Prunus persica di Verbesi, Via Polense 470 – Corcolle (Roma)

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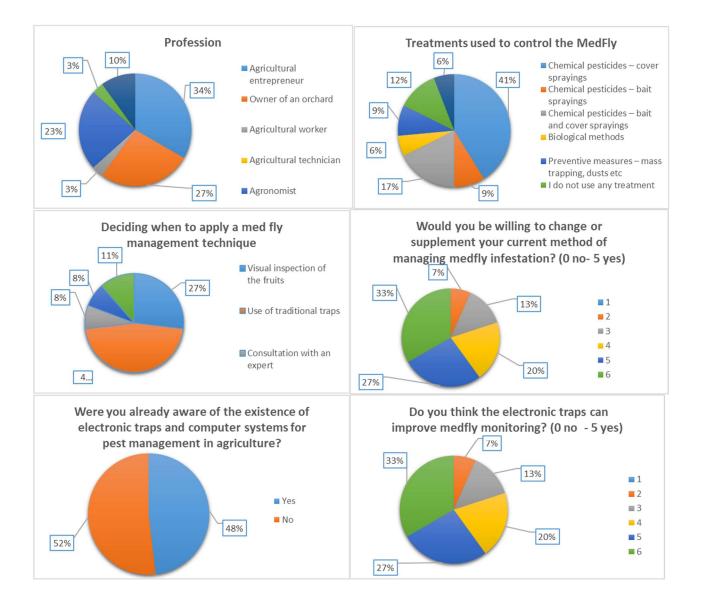
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Figure 2: The attendance lists.















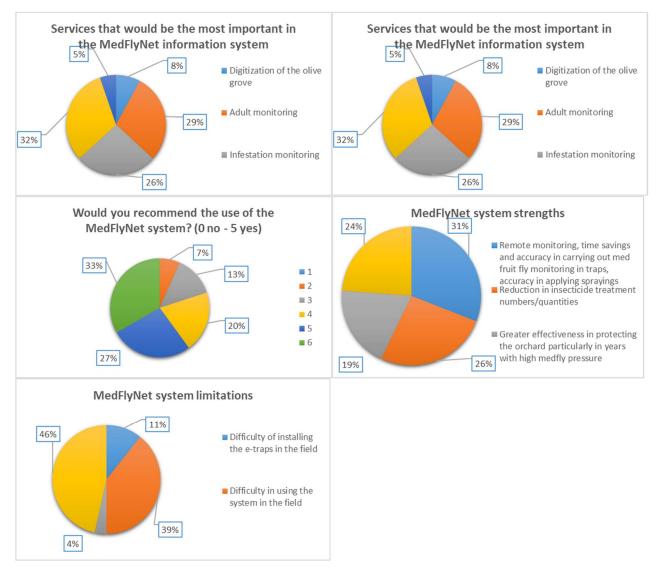


Figure 3: Analysis of completed questionnaires.











Photos 1-2: The discussion of the MedFlyNet Location Aware System with the participants to the event.





Photos 3-4: Two moments of MedFlyNet's field demonstration









16. **DEMO-17:** *FruitFlyNet-ii*: In field e-trap prototype demonstration in Tal Amara, Bekaa, Lebanon

October 20th, 2023, Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI-P03)

Demo Elements

Organising Partner: P03 (LARI)

Event Name: *FruitFlyNet-ii*: In field e-trap prototype demonstration in LARI, Tal Amara, Bekaa, Lebanon. **Event Date**: March 20th, 2023

Agenda: Figure 1

Speakers: Eng. Ahmad ELBITAR, Eng. Nessrine ELTURKY and Dr. Linda KFOURY

List and number of participants: Figure 2 (19 farmers/producers, SME's , researchers).

Physical location/ Line: LARI - Tal Amara- Bekaa- Lebanon.

URL: <u>OliveFlyNet demonstration & innovation day organised in Bekaa, Tal-Amara, Lebanon | ENI CBC Med</u> **Brief description**:

The demonstration & innovation day for *FruitFlyNet-ii* project held on *20th October 2023* at Lebanese Agriculture Research Institute - LARI. An exciting project demonstration organized by the partner P03, LARI (Lebanese Agriculture Research Institute) took place in the experimental field of Tal Amara station, Bekaa, Lebanon. The main goals of the demonstration were to present and show the achievements done under the *FruitFlyNet-ii* project, to explain the innovative technology that offer a potential economic advantage & environmentally friendly as well as explaining the components and functionality of the e-trap prototype.

LARI team welcomed the attendees and the demonstration event started off with a short talk explaining the process and components of the e-trap and then jumped right into an actual demonstration of the e-trap done by the expert Engineer Nisreen ELTURKY.

During the demonstration, the Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR project coordinator talked about the project aims and the problems facing in controlling the olive fruit fly that the farmers are really suffering from this fly since it is damaging their products. Ahmad ELBITAR demonstrated the e-trap process/functionality and provided a detail explanation of the decision support system to produce a risk maps and alerts that will lead the farmer to control/ treat only when it is required and in specific locations.

Most of the event attendees were farmers and agricultural engineers although entomologists, SME's, researchers were also present in this event.

Attendees gained valuable insights into the potential of the e-trap technologies. By fostering creativity and knowledge exchange, the demonstration contributed to the progress of the *FruitFlynet-ii* project and empowered farmers to make meaningful contributions in controlling the olive fruit fly.

Great feedback noticed from the farmers, and they were eager to apply the system in their orchards.

Presentations (*In-field demonstration*): Oral presentations and discussions by the Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR and the Engineer Nessrine ELTURKY

















OliveFlyNet questionnaire:

A common questionnaire for all project partners was prepared in English language. The team worl of the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (PP3), translated the questionnaire into the Arabic language (Annex 5). The questionnaire was distributed to the 19 participants in this e-trap demonstration event in addition it was distributed to certain owners of hasbaya site archards. A total of 27 people were interviewed.

Part 1:

1.1) Age:

- o Under 30
- o Between 30 and 50
- o Between 51 and 65
- o Over 65
- 1.2) Profession (several options can be selected)
 - o Agricultural entrepreneur
 - o Owner of an olive grove
 - o Agricultural worker
 - o Agricultural technician
 - o Agronomist
 - o Olive mill owner
 - o Other _____

PART 2 (to be filled out only if you are an olive grove owner or if you are responsible for an olive grove)

- 2.1) What is the size of your olive grove?
 - o Less than 1 hectare
 - o Between 1 hectare and 5 hectares
 - o Between 5 and 10 hectares
 - o More than 10 hectares
- 2.2) Are you aware of the olive fruit fly problem in your area?
 - o Yes

o No

- 2.3) What types of treatments do you currently use to control the olive fly?
 - o Chemical pesticides cover sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait sprayings
 - o Chemical pesticides bait and cover sprayings
 - o Biological methods
 - o Preventive measures mass trapping, dusts etc
 - o I do not use any treatment
 - o Other (specify):_

2.4) On average how many treatments do you carry out against the olive fly in a season?

- o 1-2
- o 3-4









- o 5-7
- o More than 7
- 2.5) How do you decide when to apply an olive fly management technique?
 - o Visual inspection of the drupes
 - o Use of traditional traps
 - o Consultation with an expert
 - o Consultation with the local pesticide dealer
 - o Regional or local warning reports of infestations
 - o No specific method
 - o Other (specify):___

2.6) Would you be willing to change or supplement your current method of managing olive fly infestation? (tick answer, 0 no, would not change - 5 yes, definitely)

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PART 3

3.1) Were you already aware of the existence of electronic traps and computer systems for pest management in agriculture?

- o Yes
- o No

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If Yes, describe shortly:

3.2) Do you think the electronic traps can improve olive fly monitoring?

(tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

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3.3) Do you think that the *OliveFlyNet* system can contribute to improve olive fly management in your olive grove? (tick answer, 0 no contribution - 5 high contribution)

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3.4) Which of the following services do you think would be most important in the *OliveFlyNet* information system? o Digitization of the olive grove

o Adult monitoring

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o Infestation monitoring

o Decision Support System for insecticide treatment

o Traceability of insecticide treatment carried out.

3.5) Would you apply or recommend the use of the OliveFlyNet system?

(please tick the answer, 0 definitely no - 5 definitely yes)

3.6) What do you think are the strengths of the OliveFlyNet system?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Remote monitoring, time savings and accuracy in carrying out olive fly monitoring in traps, accuracy in applying sprayings

o Reduction in insecticide treatment numbers/quantities

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o Increased timeliness of intervention









3.7) What do you think the limitations of the OliveFlyNet system might be?

(choose the two answers you think are most important)

o Difficulty of installing the e-traps in the field

o Difficulty in using the system in the field

o Lack of confidence in the computer system

o Difficulty in changing traditional approaches on the side of the farmer

3.8) How do you think the *OliveFlyNet* system could be improved to meet your needs? <u>Analysis and Results</u>:

In response to the participants' questionnaires the results obtained from the analysis presented in Figure 3.

<u>The filled questionnaires are in the attached file:</u>.PO3_OliveFlyNet_Compiled_questionnaires.pdf









Figures/Photos:



Figure 1: Agenda of the E-trap prototype demonstration event in Tal Amara

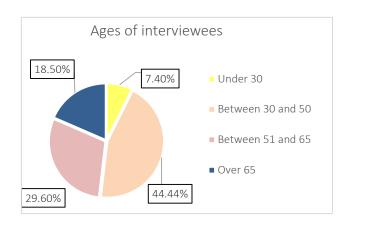
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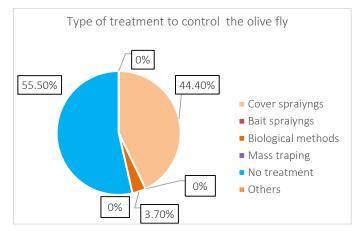
Figure2: The list of participants: 27 (farmer participant and farmers owners of the orchard site, agricultural engineers, entomologists, SME's, researchers)

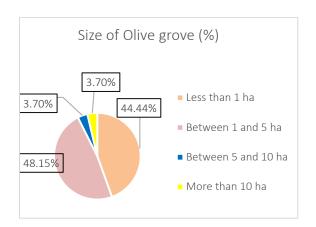


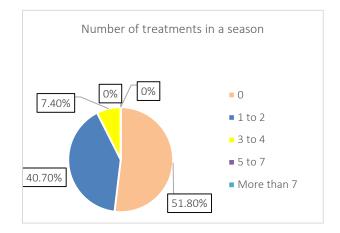


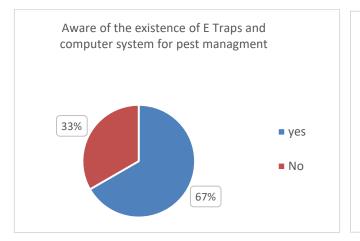


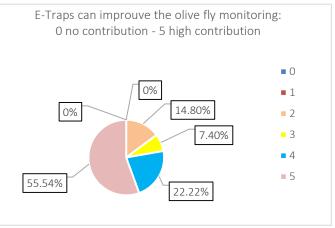










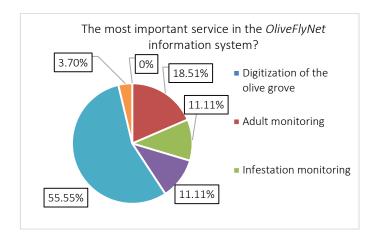


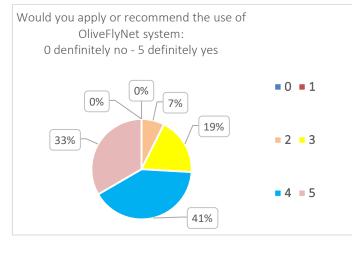


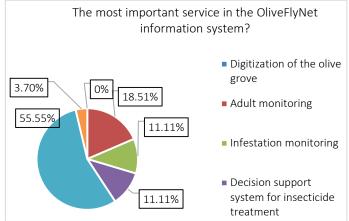


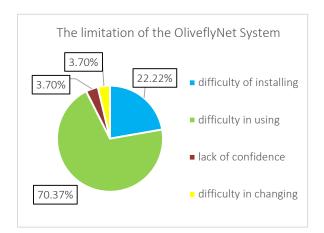


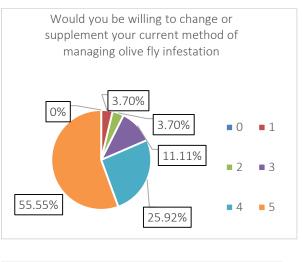












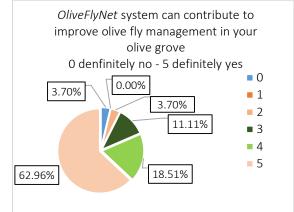


Figure 3: Responses obtained to this questionnaire











Photo 1-2: Local Coordinator Ahmad ELBITAR and Dr. Linda KFOURY, showing the e-trap prototype.

Photo 2: Engineering Nessrine ELTURKY presenting the functionality of the e-trap prototype



Photo 3: Demonstrating the results to the participants

Photo 4. OliveFlyNet participants