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**DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY**  
Entomology Seminar Series



## **Speaker:**

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**Date:** Monday, October 13, 2025  
**Time:** 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm  
**Format:** In-Person Seminar & Virtual Access  
**Location:** Genomics Auditorium, Room 1102A

**Zoom:** 943 6687 2379

**Passcode:** 453393

## **Title:**

“Towards Integrated Management of Citrus Pests in Tunisia”

## **Abstract:**

My presentation will begin with a brief overview of the main agricultural products in Tunisia. Next I'll focus on my research on citrus pests and their management. I'll talk about the Mediterranean fruit fly, as a key pest of citrus in Tunisia and the research carried out on this pest in order to develop an IPM national program. I'll present the components of this program and the results obtained in the field as well as the main constraints to the adoption of IPM by growers. Next I'll talk about the California Red Scale, which is a relatively new pest of concern in Tunisia, and the research carried out recently. I will also talk about other sap-sucking insects such as aphids, which are currently problematic because certain species are CTV vectors. Finally I'll conclude with the status of citrus IPM in Tunisia, challenges for the future and possible areas of collaboration.

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*Refreshments will be served in the Entomology Building at 3:30 pm*