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Utilising plant-microbiome interactions to enhance resistance breeding against pathogen complexes

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**Microorganisms – a solution to maintain yields with reduced inputs**

**A** Yield vs Agrochemical inputs

**B** Comparison of conventional, microbial inoculation, plant breeding, and soil management.

**Holobiont**: Environmental microorganisms that are part of a plant's microbiome affect a holobiont phenotype.

Thiel et al. 2016

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**EUCARPIA workshop on breeding for plant-microbe interactions**

Opportunities for breeding

- Yield stability and productivity (reduced inputs)
- Tools: High-throughput phenotyping, machine learning and modelling, seed treatments, genetic markers, gene editing
- Monitoring and decision tools for genotype selection, but also for crop selection and agricultural practices
- From controlled conditions to field >> farmer participation

**FEMS MICROBIOLOGY ECOLOGY** perspective article  
Hohmann et al. 2020

Main Research priority:  
Identify genetic determinants that steer beneficial plant-microbiome interactions

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**Advancing pea resistance breeding**

Improving disease resistance of pea through selection at the plant-soil interface

Ville et al. 2018

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**LIVESEED STIFTUNG MERCATOR SCHWEIZ**

**Advancing pea resistance breeding**

Verification of the complexity of pea root rot

Wille et al. 2018

Microbial markers for resistance breeding

Wille et al. submitted

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKTVuEuPygQ>

**clideo.com**

**Advancing pea resistance breeding**

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BEWEGEN  
Durchsetzen für die Zukunft

AGRIBIOME – Plant microbiome recruitment for superior agricultural systems

Three genome-wide association studies related to disease resistance:

1. Standard plant genetic markers based on disease phenotype
2. Advancing plant genetic markers for functional microbiome diversity and the recruitment of microbial key taxa
3. Holobiont genetic markers: combined action of plant+microbiome markers

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Thank you for your attention!

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**Resistenzzüchtung der Erbse**

Ein Komplex und Pathogenen befällt die Erbse, z.B.:

Aphanomyces euteiches      Pythium ultimum

Fusarium solani      Rhizoctonia solani

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**Resistenzzüchtung der Erbse**

Vererbare Variation der Resistenz gegen einen Wurzelfäule-Komplex

A: Energie      B: H2O      C: Wfle et al. 2020

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**Resistenzzüchtung der Erbse**

Vererbare Variation der Resistenz gegen einen Wurzelfäule-Komplex

Validiert in 6 Umwelten

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**Resistenzzüchtung der Erbse**

Vererbare Variation der Resistenz gegen einen Wurzelfäule-Komplex

Screenimplementierung bei **gzk**

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