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# Healthy plants

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## The role of plant health in sustainable food production

Symposium organised by BFH-HAFL (International Agriculture)

23 January 2020, 2 – 7 pm | BFH-HAFL, Zollikofen | Aula 2

More information and registration: [www.bfh.ch/hafl/healthy-plants](http://www.bfh.ch/hafl/healthy-plants)

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The International Year of Plant Health offers the opportunity to raise global awareness of the role of plant health in increasing food security. This symposium looks at plant health in a broad sense – touching on agronomic, economic and ecological aspects. The event aims to bring together interested people from all sectors to learn, network and exchange experiences and views on the topic. At the same time, it marks the retirement of Dr Urs Scheidegger, our long-time professor of tropical plant production and co-founder of International Agriculture at BFH-HAFL.

## Programme

**1.30 pm** Arrival and registration

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**2.00 pm** Welcome and introduction

Dr Magdalena Schindler, Director BFH-HAFL

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**2.10 pm** Setting the scene: plant health in a globalized context

Dr François Pythoud, Special Envoy for International Sustainable Agriculture,  
Federal Office for Agriculture

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**2.50 pm** Parallel sessions (3 presentations in each session):

1. Technologies and methods for smallholder farmers to keep plants healthy
  2. Interrelations of plant health and the environment under changing climatic conditions
  3. Plant health and plant quality for better market access
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**4.20 pm** Coffee break

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**4.40 pm** Summary of sessions | Wrap-up

Group moderators | Dr Urs Scheidegger, professor of tropical plant production, BFH-HAFL

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**5.10 pm** Poster session

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**6.00 pm** Apéro riche and networking

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## Registration

Please register by 15 January 2020 at: [www.bfh.ch/hafl/healthy-plants](http://www.bfh.ch/hafl/healthy-plants)

## Directions

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