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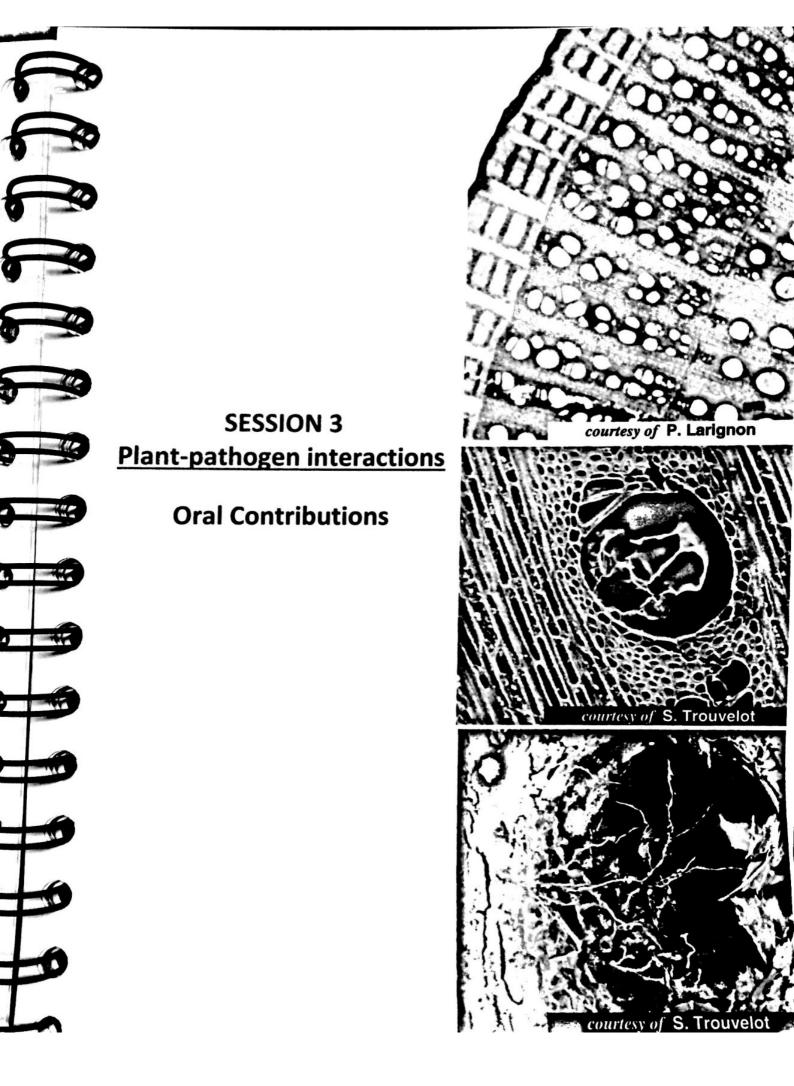


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SESSION 3: Plant-pathogen interactions

CO.41 – EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON METABOLITES PRODUCTION BY LASIODIPLODIA THEOBROMAE A FUNGUS CAUSING CANKER AND DIEBACK OF GRAPEVINE.

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A large number of species of the family Botryosphaeriaceae have been associated with Botryosphaeria canker and dieback of grapevines. Lasiodiplodia theobromae is the prevailing disease causing agent among species in the genus Lasiodiplodia, which may infect a wide range of plants growing in a variety of climate zones. Lasiodiplodia theobromae has also been associated with foliar chlorosis of host plants and may occasionally act as an opportunistic pathogen for humans. Pathogenicity of fungi is usually associated with the expression of several compounds, such as enzymes and other metabolites, involved in host/pathogen interactions. Accordingly, a number of secondary bioactive metabolites belonging to different classes are produced by Lasiodiplodia spp. For instance, in a recent study of strains of L. Mediterranea (associated with grapevine decline in Sardinia and Sicily, Italy) new metabolites have been isolated and identified: lasiojasmonates A-C; 16-O-acetyl-botryosphaeriolactones A and C; and lasiolactols A and B. The aim of this study was to characterize the effect of temperature on the expression of secondary metabolites by different strains of L. Theobromae isolated from grapevine. Preliminary investigations (via GC/MS, NMR and other analytical techniques) show that the production of secondary metabolites strongly depends, both in quality and quantity, on cultural conditions. The final objective is to isolate and characterize chemically the full spectrum of compounds produced by L. Theobromae under a variety of experimental conditions and to investigate their biological activity and toxicity for plants and for

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