COURSE : Biological Control and Environmentally Safer Agriculture Summer Program 2015

COURSE TUTOR

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COURSE OVERVIEW

The general objective of this course is to familiarize the student with current technology for environmentally safer agriculture. After taking this course, the student will have an understanding of important issues in agriculture such as how to modify traditional agriculture to achieve sustainable and safer food production, how to enhance the role of biotic factors to reduce the chemical and synthetic inputs in food production, and how to reduce environmental risks to humans and wild life. Moreover, the students will discover the many beneficial organisms hiding behind them and how well the natural systems work with a minimum of artificial inputs. Watching our environment is the first step to establish environment friendly agriculture and thus to conserve our natural resources. By joining this course, the student will also have a chance to think about safer food and agriculture, while interacting with local farmers.

TEXTBOOKS AND READINGS

There will be no set textbook for this course. Required readings and handouts will be distributed each week.

COMMUNICATIONS

The course tutor's details are as follows:

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