



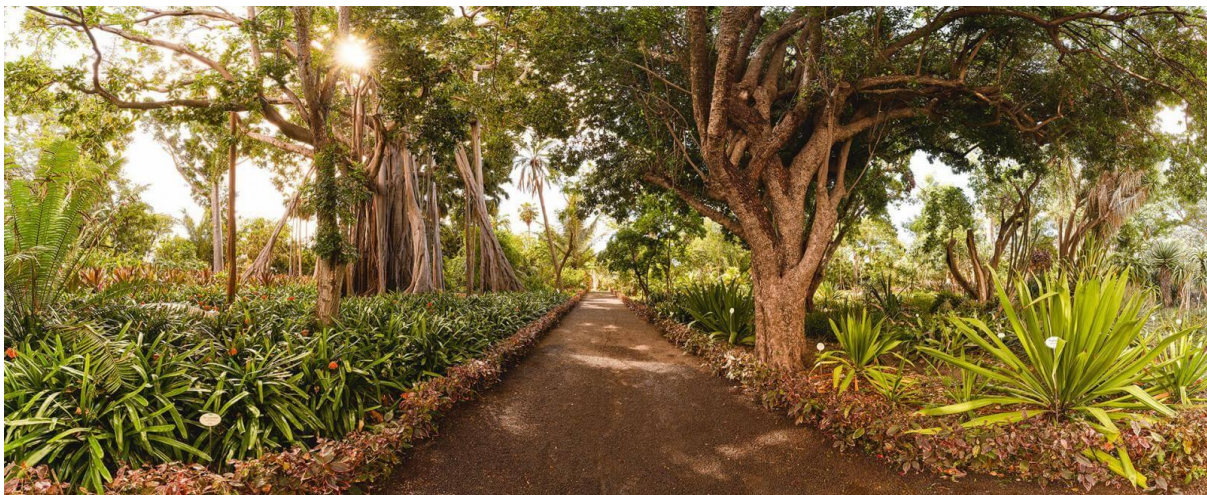
Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we send you this invitation for the upcoming IOBC PhD Symposium on Biological Control of arthropod pests and plant diseases, scheduled from November 11th to 13th of 2026 at the Canarian Institute of Agricultural Research (ICIA) in Tenerife, Spain.

This second edition of the symposium is an opportunity for PhD candidates currently doing their PhD in the field of biological control to share their research and discuss it with their peers, benefiting from the advice and feedback of experienced researchers. This gathering provides a platform for PhD candidates to connect, collaborate, and learn from each other's experiences.

The meeting will take place at the facilities of ICIA in the Botanical Garden of La Orotava (Puerto de la Cruz). Activities include oral presentations by the PhD candidates, plenary talks by invited researchers, a talk and guided tour of the gardens by the organizing team, workshops, a cultural tour and a social dinner.

More information regarding applications, registration and travelling will be provided in a second circular announcement in early 2026. To ensure that enough time will be available for each PhD candidate to share their research, a maximum of 20 participants will be selected.



We are looking forward to meeting you

Kind regards,

Sophie Le Hesran, *Convenor*, Bruno Gobin, *Liaison*

Angelos Mouratidis, María Quintana-González de Chaves & Estrella Hernández-Suárez, *local organizing team*