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Dear Colleagues,

EPPO is happy to announce the launch of the first call for applications to the EPPO Jens-Georg Unger Plant Health Fellowship for international co-operation in plant health. Symbolically this launch is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, the birthday of Jens Unger to whom this fellowship is dedicated, and it is launched towards the end of the International Year of Plant Health as a legacy to continue to raise awareness of the importance of plant health.

The energy and enthusiasm of Jens Unger to protect plant health and to cooperate internationally will continue through the EPPO Plant Health Fellowship, by supporting young plant health professionals that will be enabled to gain international experience in plant health. It was decided by the EPPO Council in 2018 to set up such a plant health fellowship and it has been made possible by funds set aside by EPPO in the Special Project Account and by donations from the UK and Germany. This will enable EPPO to support one fellowship per year in at least the coming 10 years. Both the employee and the employer will benefit from the fellowship that will increase the experience of the plant health professional and will contribute to better integration of the national context into the international context and vice versa.

EPPO encourages you to spread the information on this opportunity to young plant health professionals in your organization or in other institutions in your country and to support young plant health professionals to formulate a proposal. More information is available on the EPPO website ([https://www.eppo.int/ABOUT EPPO/special\\_events/plant\\_health\\_fellowship](https://www.eppo.int/ABOUT_EPPO/special_events/plant_health_fellowship)). The deadline for application is the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021 and proposals can be submitted via a link on this EPPO webpage.

Yours sincerely,

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