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icipe wins Food Planet Prize

icipe's Insects For Food, Feed and Other Uses (INSEFF) program is among the winners of the prestigious 2020 Food Planet Prize. The USD 1 million [Curt Bergfors Foundation Food Planet Prize](https://www.foodplanetprize.org/entry/prizewinner-icipe-inseff/) is the largest of its kind globally, and was awarded in recognition of the Centre's ground-breaking research on the use of insects as a protein source. *icipe* will share the prize with [Sanergy](https://www.sanergy.com/), a Kenya/United States-based organisation, having been picked from about 650 global nominations. Congratulatory messages have been flowing in on social media.

Announcement from Food Planet Prize:

<https://foodplanetprize.org/entry/prizewinner-icipe-inseff/>
<https://foodplanetprize.org/nominations/>

Food Planet finalist announcement:

<https://foodplanetprize.org/entry/finalist-icipe-inseff/>

Press release from *icipe*:

<http://www.icipe.org/news/icipe-wins-food-planet-prize>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSVyYz-9QfQ>



Tuta absoluta

icipe has released a parasitic wasp that will naturally control the invasive and highly destructive *Tuta absoluta*. The wasp released in Kirinyaga County, Kenya, was imported from Peru, the native home of the pest, and this is the first time it is being introduced outside its origin.

<https://www.bignewsnetwork.com/news/267227703/scientists-deploy-wasps-to-control-devastating-tomato-pest-in-africa>

<https://www.farmersreviewafrica.com/total-control-of-tuta-absoluta/>

<http://news.agropages.com/News/print-37448.htm>

<https://www.hortidaily.com/article/9276950/scientists-deploy-wasps-to-control-tuta-absoluta-in-africa/>

<https://africa.cgtn.com/2020/12/12/scientists-deploy-wasps-to-control-devastating-tomato-pest-in-africa/>

http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2020-12/12/content_77004285.htm

<https://www.farmtech-africa.com/scientists-deploy-wasps-to-control-devastating-tomato-pest-in-africa/>

Spanish

http://spanish.china.org.cn/txt/2020-12/12/content_77004818.htm

http://spanish.xinhuanet.com/2020-12/12/c_139582938.htm

<https://www.panamaon.com/noticias/tecnologia/84665-cientificos-recurren-a-avisvas-para-controlar-plaga-de-tomate-en-africa.html>

Russian

<https://www.nachedeu.com/%d1%83%d1%87%d0%b5%d0%bd%d1%8b%d0%b5-%d0%b8%d1%81%d0%bf%d0%be%d0%bb%d1%8c%d0%b7%d1%83%d1%8e%d1%82-%d0%be%d1%81-%d0%b4%d0%bb%d1%8f-%d0%b1%d0%be%d1%80%d1%8c%d0%b1%d1%8b-%d1%81-%d0%b2%d1%80%d0%b5%d0%b4/>

Malaria research

Dr Jeremy Herren was recently interviewed on *Al Jazeera* on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on efforts to stop malaria.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbBdjntKX3w>

Push-pull technology

Climate-smart push-pull is one of the sustainable methods to boost food security while tackling environmental crises.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-03445-4>

German

<https://mykplan.site/news/naturliche-losungen-fur-die-landwirtschaftliche-produktivitat/>

Locusts

A specific locust pheromone identified by *icipe* researchers, and which can be used against young locusts, is one of the environmentally friendly ways to keep the aggressive pests at bay.

<http://www.nagalandpost.com/what-will-we-do-when-the-locusts-come-again/226155.html>

BioInnovate Africa Programme

BioInnovate have produced their e-newsletter, Issue 8, #December2020. Please click here to read it: ow.ly/oOmF50CIBHt

Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF)

The RSIF weekly newsletter is also out. Please click here to read it: <https://mailchi.mp/icipe/rsif-weekly-vol1-28>

Social media

The Crawford Fund @CrawfordFund
Big congrats to all winners!

Food Planet Prize @FoodPlanetPrize · 20h
The Curt Bergfors Foundation is honored to announce the recipients of the Food Planet Prize 2020: @NatureAsMeasure @CSIRO @BlueVentures @Sanergy @icipe

@jrockstrom @LineGordon @jessfanzo @PaulPolman @davidnabarro @DeSchutterO @Faviken @lmsibanda @ShenggenFan

FOLLOWING CALLS WERE PLACED IN DECEMBER 2020

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Dan Masiga @masigaD
Pioneering graduates. Congratulations Martha and Joseph @martha_mawia @MulamaJoe @IDeAL_KEMRL_WT @icipe

EANBIT @EANBIT_Project · Dec 9
Cake to celebrate our cohort 01 fellows who've successfully defended their MSc theses so far! They presented excellent quality research @PU_Kilifi @PUBReC_Lab. We are very proud of you !!
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The Land Institute Retweeted
Paul Polman @PaulPolman
Astounding. These global #changemakers are devoted to reshaping our food systems and I have no doubt that they'll do just that.
Congrats to @BlueVentures @futurefeed @icipe @NatureAsMeasure @Sanergy #foodplanetprize @FoodPlanetPrize

The Food Planet Prize - Helen Mirren knows why rethinking... Helen Mirren knows why these issues are so important to all of us. We do too. Do you? The Curt Bergfors Food Planet ...
youtube.com

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Kika @KikaLusu
Feel very lucky and happy to be part of this intensive learning #BCCN2020, a Crash Course on Nematology with @icipe @IITA_CGIAR and @ImanemaUgent @ugent course.
Looking forward to interesting learning.

Amhara Mass Media Agency @AmharaMassMediaAgency
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See translation

Earth Change Observation Laboratory @EarthObserv_LIH
This research is part of @EarthObserv_UH @helsinkiuni research carried out some years ago with @icipe in Kenya. The cooperation started with funding from @Ulkoministerio and involved also using @SpecimSpectral #remotesensing sensors.

Petri Pellikka @PetriPellikka · Dec 9
Various #acacia #tree species start flowering in lowlands of #TaitaTaveta. Please read our article about using #hyperspectral #remotesensing to detect the #flower of acacia for #bees and for #honey production in Kenya. #foodsecurity @helsinkiuni @icipe sciencedirect.com/science/articl...

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Kika Lusu
Dec 14th – 18th 2020
Nairobi, Kenya

NemAfrica
Knowledge and Technical Capacity for nematology in Africa

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