

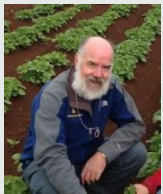
Science Team

SFF 'Future-proofing thrips management in strawberries'



Robert Silberbauer (Berryworld, Lincoln)

Robert is the project leader of the SFF Future-proofing thrips management in strawberries project. He is an insect specialist in the Berryworld team and works with various berry fruit industries helping industries develop suitable pest control measures.



Dr Paul Horne (IPM Technologies, Melbourne)

Paul is the director and entomologist at IPM Technologies Pty Ltd, based in Australia. He provides a high level of strawberry IPM expertise. Paul's interests are in facilitating adoption of IPM technologies to manage invertebrate pests.



Rebecca Addison (IPM Technologies, Tasmania)

Rebecca is a consultant at IPM Technologies in Tasmania where she assists farmers to develop and implement IPM strategies to manage insect pests in their crops. Rebecca has an extensive background in agronomy and production of soil and hydroponic berry crops with a focus on pest and disease management, irrigation and nutrition.



Chris Thompson (Bioforce, Auckland)

Chris is the General Manager of Bioforce Limited. He is passionate about developing and implementing arthropod and microbial solutions to combat the many pests and pathogens faced by the growers and farmers of New Zealand and abroad. Chris holds a BE (Hons) from the University of Auckland and has worked as a mechanical engineer and project manager for various technology companies in New Zealand and Asia. Chris is also a board member of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Education Trust, which runs the Young Horticulturist Competition.



Dr Mette Nielsen (Plant and Food Research, Lincoln)

Mette is a researcher in the Insect Dynamics, Ecology & Sustainability team at PFR. She is the research manager of the SFF Future-proofing thrips management in strawberries project and a thrips expert. Mette's research focus over the last decade at PFR has been on thrips in areas such as distribution, monitoring, control, biology, behaviour and chemical ecology.



Dr Jessica Vereijssen (Plant and Food Research, Lincoln)

Jessica is a researcher in the Insect Dynamics, Ecology & Sustainability team at PFR. She is the co-research manager of this SFF project. Her research focuses on (invasive) insect vectors and the plant pathogenic organisms they vector: where are they in the environment, how they interact with each other and crops, and how to sustainably manage them.



Joanne Poulton (Plant and Food Research, Auckland)

Joanne is a research associate in the insect dynamics, ecology & sustainability team at PFR. She has been involved in this SFF project for the past few years providing technical support for the project. Joanne's work over the last decade has involved pest population research, biodiversity, and insect identification and imaging.



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Aliesha is a research associate in the Insect Dynamics, Ecology & Sustainability team at PFR. She has been involved in this SFF project for the past few years providing technical support for the project.