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- Synthetic biology
- Microbial consortia

Main focus:

- Biocontrol in greenhouse and field trials
- Cultural practices related to biocontrol
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Resistance induced by Burkholderia phytofirmans PsJN against Botrytis cinerea in grapevine

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Plant growth-promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR) are of great interest since they are beneficial naturally occurring soil bacteria that colonize plant roots and confer beneficial effects. They can increase yield, stimulate plant growth, reduce pathogen infection, and reduce biotic and abiotic stresses. Among these PGPRs, endophytes are defined as those bacteria that are able to colonize the internal tissue of the plant without causing external signs of infection or negative effects on their host. *Burkholderia phytofirmans* PsJN, classified as an ePGPR, was first isolated from surface-sterilized onion roots infected with the mycorrhizal fungus *Glomus vesiculiferum*. This rhizobacterium significantly promotes growth and protects the grapevine against biotic (grey mould disease) and abiotic (cold) stresses. If mechanisms implied in cold tolerance induced by PsJN were elucidated, the protective effect induced by the PGPR against *B. cinerea* however remains elusive. To unravel the mechanistic of pathways involved in the observed resistance, different traits of the tripartite interaction between *Vitis vinifera* L., *Botrytis cinerea* and *Burkholderia phytofirmans* were highlighted. Among these aspects, direct antimicrobial action of PsJN, the ability of the bacterium to prime defense responses and carbohydrate metabolism of grapevine will be presented.