

Prof. Eirian Jones – biography

Eirian is a Professor of Plant Pathology at Lincoln University, New Zealand, with more than 25 years' experience researching a wide range of plant diseases in the arable and horticulture sectors. Her main research area is investigating the epidemiology and developing sustainable control strategies with particular focus on woody trunk disease of grapevines and other horticultural fruit crops. This includes identifying the causal agents, with particular emphasis on pathogens involved in disease complexes such as grapevine trunk disease, and the effect of abiotic and biotic factors on disease expression. Recent work focuses on unravelling the role of endophytic microbial communities in disease suppression and the factors affecting these communities in relation to plant health and productivity.

