

Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Horticulturae*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the 2022 Best PhD Thesis Award. This award is for a PhD student or recently qualified PhD who has produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential.

2022 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD

WINNER

The award has been granted to:

"Elicitation Strategies in Preharvest to Increase Quality of Table Grape and Pomegranate Fruit at Harvest and During Storage" By María Emma García Pastor, Miguel Hernández University of Elche, Spain,

who will receive CHF 500, a certificate, and a chance to publish a paper free of charge after peer review in *Horticulturae* in 2023.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I congratulate the winner on their accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the applicants for submitting their exceptional theses, and the Award Committee for voting and helping with this award.

Prof. Dr. Luigi De Bellis Editor-in-Chief, *Horticulturae*

