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International Biostimulant Congress

Located in Florence, Italy, the biostimulant conference was a thorough success. Agricultural scientists and business representatives met from November 16-19th (2015). The next congress will meet in Miami in November 2017. [Click here](#) for more info.



Vitazyme Reaches Brazil

After meticulous field trial testing, Vitazyme will be implemented into soybean crop production by customers in Brazil, providing increased yields and profits. [Click here](#) to read about the history of soybeans in Brazil.

Work on the Vitazyme Data Summaries In Progress

As a new year begins, we once again are compiling Vitazyme research data from around the world, and the results are as positive as ever. The studies compiled in 2015 are numerous and include a number of studies located in Mexico, Ukraine, and Washington State.

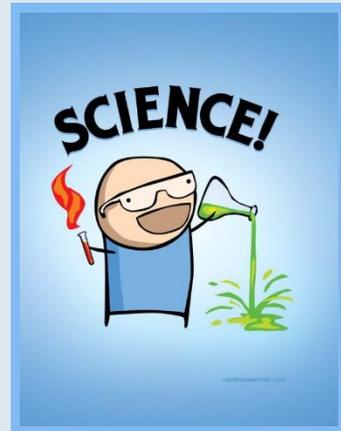
Ten trials on cherries in Washington have shown the great utility of the program with this high value crop, where the yield improvement of one carefully measured study gave 20% more cherries having higher quality. A wide variety of crops were investigated in Mexico, and in Ukraine the improvements in yields and quality of wheat, sunflowers, canola, corn, and soybeans have been excellent as usual.

The University of Missouri trial with Vitazyme and glyphosate on soybeans, begun in 2014, is now complete. Not only were rhizosphere microorganism populations normalized with Vitazyme, but root growth and branching were stimulated, and glyphosate soil residues were decreased. The research book will be available in February.

World Ag Expo in Tulare, California

The world's largest annual agricultural exposition hosted a booth for Vitazyme once again this year during the three-day extravaganza from February 9 to 11. Visitors to the booth included farmers and dealers from many states, Canada, Mexico, Central and South American countries, as well as European and Asian nations. This year Paolo and Viviana Parducci, long-time Vitazyme distributors from Ecuador, attended the show, and many friends such as Evon Nazaroff of Boghosian Raisins and Taylor Reiff of Schaeffer Oil renewed their acquaintances throughout the three-day event.

Especially evident this year was the interest of large growers of blueberries, citrus, vegetables, wheat, and canola. These farmers managed between 8,000 and 26,000 acres, and were interested in optimizing their crops' performance with the Vitazyme program as input costs continue to rise. A dinner with Doug Graham and his people from New Era Farm Services, close business associates with Vital Earth, was a highlight of the show.



A New Way to Convert Ag Waste

"Researchers at the University of Minnesota have engineered a new synthetic biopathway that can more efficiently and cost-effectively turn agricultural waste, like corn stover and orange peels, into a variety of useful products ranging from spandex to chicken feed." Read more [here](#).

Vital Earth Personnel Attend the Second International Biostimulant Congress

The congress was a great success in spreading the word that biostimulants are here to stay, and they represent a vital and increasing presence in the production programs for farmers around the world, in both conventional and organic programs.

The second international congress on biostimulants was held in Florence, Italy, on November 16 to 19 (2015), with about 1,100 participants attending from around the world. Representing Vital Earth Resources were Scott Hammer, President, and Dr. Paul Syltie, Director of Research. Dr. Syltie presented a poster at the session entitled, "Vitazyme, an organic, multi-functional brassinosteroid based biostimulant for improved yields, fertilizer efficiency, and disease resistance—a Review."

Presenters at the oral sessions included Dr. Joseph Kloepper of Auburn University in Alabama on "Biostimulants in agriculture: what we know from the lab to the field," and , and Dr. Alan Bennett of the University of California, Davis, on "Optimization of crop nutrition and quality with biostimulants." Also in attendance were John Hudak and Michael Hudak of Plant Designs, Inc., in Rochester, New York, distributors of Vitazyme in Europe, South America, and Australia, Paul Ivanicky, marketing manager of sales in Ukraine, Dr. Joseph Perkonigg from Austria, an associate of Mike Hudak, and Zuzana Mandrysova and Ivana Zamecnikova of Soepenbergl, distributors of Vitazyme in Slovakia.

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