

Press Release

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Professor Dr Philip Wigge Recognised as a “Highly Cited Researcher” in 2024

Professor Dr Philip Wigge, Programme Area Head of “Plant Adaptation” at the Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ), has been recognised as a “Highly Cited Researcher” in the category of Plant and Animal Science by Clarivate™ for 2024. This prestigious accolade highlights his outstanding contributions to plant science and his ongoing global influence on academic research.

Professor Wigge has been included on the Highly Cited Researchers list every year since 2021, reflecting the exceptional significance of his work. The list honours researchers whose publications rank in the top 1% by citations in their respective fields, as indexed in the “Web of Science Core Collection”, covering the years 2013 to 2023.

The molecular biologist’s research focuses on understanding how plants adapt to environmental changes, a subject of critical importance in the context of global climate challenges. His innovative studies, particularly on temperature perception and stress adaptation in plants, have provided insights that are shaping strategies for enhancing crop resilience, contributing to sustainable agricultural practices.

"Being recognised as a Highly Cited Researcher is a great honour that reflects the collective efforts of my research team and collaborators. It underlines the vital role plant science plays in addressing global food security and the challenges posed by climate change," said Wigge.

This recognition not only acknowledges Professor Wigge’s individual achievements but also underscores IGZ’s commitment to advancing the frontiers of plant biology and sustainable and resilient horticulture.

The 2024 Highly Cited Researchers list includes 6,636 individuals from over 1,200 institutions across 59 nations and regions. The rigorous selection process incorporates enhanced measures to address citation anomalies, ensuring the integrity of the awards. This recognition highlights researchers who have achieved broad influence through multiple highly cited papers, advancing their fields and global scientific progress.

More Information

For further details on the Highly Cited Researchers programme and the methodology used for selection, visit [Clarivate](#).

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Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ)

The Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ) is a research institute of the Leibniz Association and contributes to solving current global challenges with science-based findings from basic and applied research in horticulture. These include the preservation of biodiversity, combating climate change and the still widespread malnutrition. The institute is jointly funded by the Ministry of Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg (MWFK) and the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL). The IGZ is based in Großbeeren.

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Caption and photo credit: Professor Philip Wigge heads the Programme Area “Plant Adaptation” at the Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ). In his research, he aims to obtain a mechanistic understanding of regulatory networks that enable plants to adapt to their environment.

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