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International outreach and dissemination of information to academic and private institutions worldwide involved in the research and/or propagation of University of Florida strawberry varieties.

His research on strawberry will focus on biological control, plant parasitic and entomopathogenic (insect parasitic) nematodes, microbial interactions including (nematodes, fungi and bacteria) and general plant pathology.

***Education:***

- **Ph.D. in Nematology (2001)** Entomology and Nematology Department, University of Florida
- **M.S. in Agricultural Zoology (Nematology) (1993)** Plant Protection Department, Zagazig University, Egypt
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***Publications***

**Research Publications**

- Sheng-Yen Wu, **Fahiem E. El-Borai**, Jim H. Graham, and Larry W. Duncan. 2019. Geospatial relationships between native entomopathogenic nematodes and *Fusarium solani* in a Florida citrus orchard. *Applied Soil Ecology*, (*In review*).
- Raquel Campos-Herrera, Robin J. Stuart, Ekta Pathak, **Fahiem E. El-Borai**, Larry W. Duncan. 2019. Temporal patterns of entomopathogenic nematodes in Florida citrus orchards: Evidence of natural regulation by microorganisms and nematode competitors. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry* 128 193-204.
- Sheng-Yen Wu, **Fahiem E. El-Borai**, Jim H. Graham, and Larry W. Duncan. **2018**. The saprophytic fungus *Fusarium solani* increases the insecticidal efficacy of the entomopathogenic nematode *Steinernema diaprepesi*. *Journal of Invertebrate Pathology*, 159 87-94.
- William K. Heve, **Fahiem E. EL-Borai**, Evan G. Johnson, Daniel Carrillo, and Larry W. Duncan. **2018**. Responses of *Anastrepha suspensa*, *Diachasmimorpha longicaudata* and Sensitivity of Guava Production to *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* in Fruit Fly Integrated Pest Management. *Journal of Nematology*. Issue 3 | Vol. 50. DOI: 10.21307/jofnem-2018-039.

- Stock, S.P., Campos-Herrera, R., **El-Borai, F.E.**, Duncan, L.W. 2018. *Steinernema khuongi* n. sp. (Panagrolaimomorpha, Steinernematidae) a new entomopathogenic nematode species from Florida, USA. *Journal of Helminthology* <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022149X18000081> Received: 24 May 2017 Accepted: 5 January 2018.
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- **Fahiem El-Borai**, Nabil Killiny, and Larry W. Duncan. 2016. Concilience in entomopathogenic nematode responses to water potential and their geospatial patterns in Florida. *Frontiers in Microbiolog*). <http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fmicb.2016.00356>
- Camila Cramer Filgueiras<sup>1</sup>, Denis S. Willett, Alcides Moino Junior, Martin Pareja, **Fahiem El-Borai**, Donald W. Dickson, Lukasz L. Stelinski, Larry W. Duncan. 2016. Stimulation of the Salicylic Acid Pathway Aboveground Recruits Entomopathogenic Nematodes Belowground. *PLOS ONE* | DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0154712 May 3, 2016 1 / 9.
- Raquel Campos-Herrera , **Fahiem E. El-Borai** , Jose Antonio Rodríguez Martín, Larry W. Duncan. 2016. Entomopathogenic nematode food web assemblages in Florida natural areas. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry* 93, 105-114.
- R. Campos-Herrera, **F.E. El-Borai**, and L.W. Duncan. 2015. Modifying soil to enhance Biological control of belowground dwelling insects in citrus groves under organic Agriculture in Florida. *Biological Control* 84, 53-63.
- Campos-Herrera, **F.E. El-Borai**, T.E. Ebert, A. Schumann, L.W. Duncan. 2014. Management to control citrus greening alters the soil food web and severity of a pest-disease complex. *Biological Control* 76, 41–51.
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and Enhanced Biological Control of *Diaprepes abbreviatus* Root Weevils in Florida Citrus Groves. *Journal of Nematology* 40 (2) 73-84.

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- Raquel Campos-Herrera, **Fahiem E El-Borai**, and Larry W Duncan. 2015. **It takes a village: entomopathogenic nematode community structure and conservation biological control in Florida (US) orchards.** In: R. Campos-Herrera (Ed.), *Nematode pathogenesis of insects and other pests - ecology and applied technologies for sustainable plant and crop protection*. Series: Sustainability in Plant and Crop Protection., A. Ciancio (series Ed.). Vol 1, Springer International Publishing Switzerland, pp. 329-351.
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**Florida Citrus Orchards.** A. Ciancio & K. G. Mukerji (eds.), Integrated Management of Arthropod Pests and Insect Borne Diseases. Integrated management of Plant Pests and Diseases 5, DOI 10.1007/978-90-481-8606\_5 © Springer Science + Business Media B.V.2010, 97-126.

- **Fahiem E. El Borai** and Larry W. Duncan. 2004. **Nematode Parasites of Subtropical and Tropical Fruit Trees.** Plant parasitic nematodes in subtropical and tropical agriculture, PB: **Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International, U.K** (CAB International); Wallingford; UK. (467-492).

***Professional Societies and Honorary Memberships***

- North American Strawberry grower Association
- Society of Nematologists (SON).
- Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America (ONTA).
- Afro-Asian Society of Nematologists (AASN).
- The Egyptian Society of Agricultural Nematology (ESAN).
- International Society of Citriculture.
- International Society for Pest Information (ISPI).