



Four decades of IPM Research onstage, backstage and offstage

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After working four decades as a scientist in agricultural entomology, I became convinced that science is like a theater.

Onstage- Professional activities apparent to all

- 1) Scientific publications
- 2) Oral presentations before various audiences
- 3) Acknowledging the work of others

Onstage- Professional activities apparent to all

Scientific publications are a defining factor because they are visible and permanent elements.

One should aim for quality and quantity of publications.

Metrics. Downloads (intention) and citations (use).

MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL INSECTS WITH PHYSICAL CONTROL METHODS*

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Essential Oils in Insect Control: Low-Risk Products in a High-Stakes World

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Abstract

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Blueberry IPM: Past Successes and Future Challenges

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maximum residue limits, MRLs

Abstract

Blueberry is a crop native to North America with expanding production and



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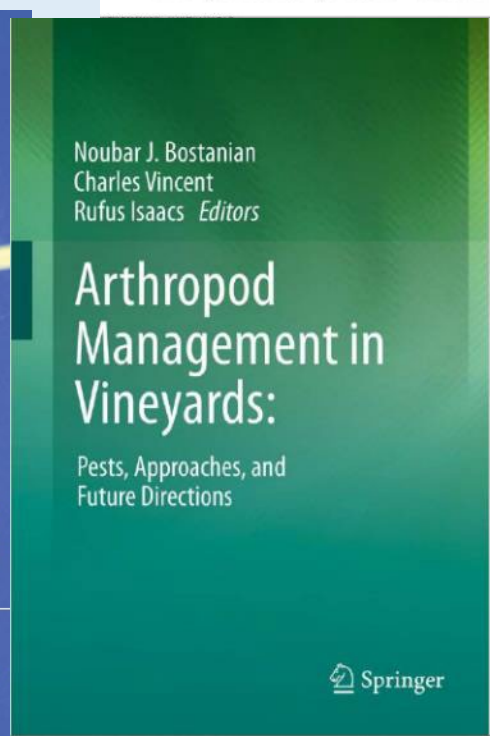
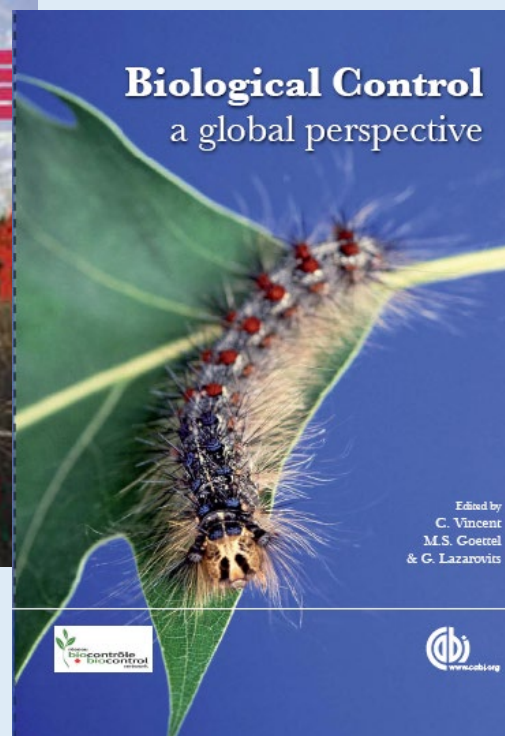
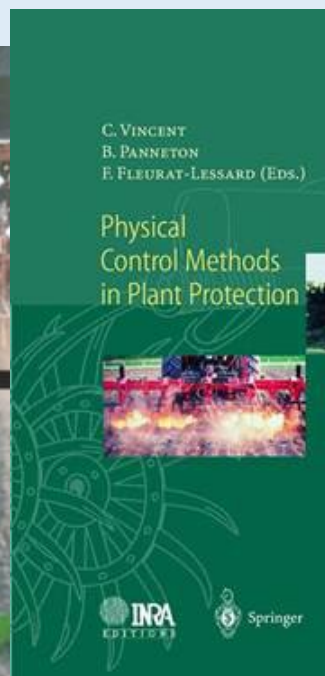
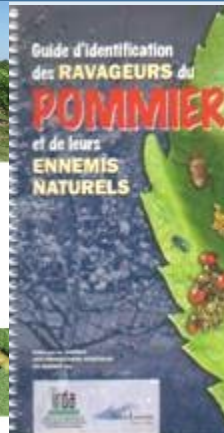
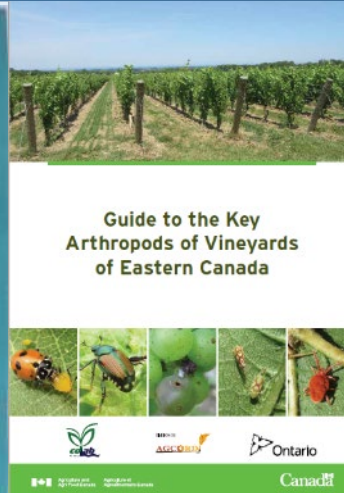
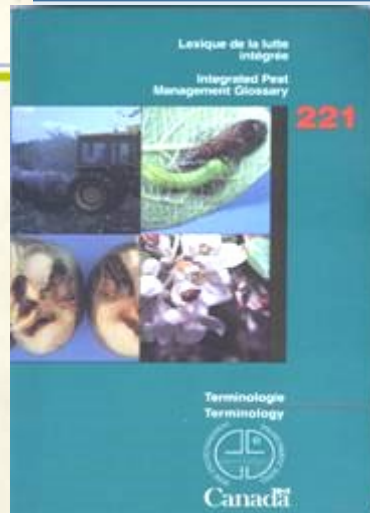
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Onstage- Professional activities apparent to all

Oral presentations before various audiences
provide opportunities for a human touch

Metrics. How many people in the room

Onstage- Professional activities apparent to all

Acknowledging the work of others

Team work is about humans

Onstage- Professional activities apparent to all

Choosing a research subject

“Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

I go where the puck goes (Wayne Gretsky)

In other words:
We don't repeat, we research

Backstage- Professional activities apparent to some

- 1) Reading scientific publications (mastery of a field)
- 2) Writing scientific articles and grant proposals
- 3) Reviewing scientific manuscripts and grant proposals
- 4) Committee work
- 5) Acknowledging the work of others
- 6) Choosing a research subject
- 7) Above all, thinking

Backstage- Professional activities apparent to some

Insects that cannot be reared or multiplied by rearing

Plum curculio (*Conotrachelus nenuphar*) Coleoptera, Curculionidae

Apple sawfly (*Hoplocampa testudinea*) Hymenoptera, Tenthredinidae

Blueberry maggot (*Rhagoletis mendax*) Diptera, Tephritidae



Biological Control

a global perspective

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Madex and Virosoft, Viral Biopesticides for Codling Moth Control

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Overview: This chapter relates the research and development of two granulovirus-based insecticides to manage the codling moth, *Cydia pomonella*, which is a worldwide pest of a number of fruit crops. Madex® and Virosoft^{CP4®} were registered in Switzerland and Canada, respectively.

The Codling Moth

The codling moth, *Cydia pomonella* (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae), is a worldwide pest of a number of crops, including apples, pears and walnuts. Its literature is considerable, as the Codling Moth Information Support System indexes ca. 6500 references (CMISS-2005). Standard commercial management practices consist of several sprays per season of synthetic pesticides applied against larvae. Among alternatives to insecticides, parasites and predators have been studied but their effects are below expectations in commercial situations. Mating disruption has been successfully implemented in several apple-producing regions. However, this method is relatively costly and needs an environmentally friendly back-up method in case of failure.

The Baculovirus

Baculoviruses are DNA viruses that naturally infect arthropods, chiefly insects. One of their features is that they infect only larval feeding stages, in which they form proteinaceous structures called occlusion bodies (OBs). A second feature is that many baculoviruses contain multiple virions (genomes) in each infective OB.

Acaricidal Properties of a *Chenopodium*-Based Botanical

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ABSTRACT The emulsifiable concentrate UDA-245 [25% EC (vol:vol)], based on an essential oil extract from *Chenopodium ambrosioides* variety *ambrosioides*, a North American herbaceous plant, was compared with commercially available pesticides for their effectiveness to control the adult stage and egg hatch of the twospotted spider mite, *Tetranychus urticae* Koch (Acari: Tetranychidae) and the European red mite, *Panonychus ulmi* (Koch) (Acari: Tetranychidae). After a laboratory bioassay with adult twospotted spider mites, a 0.5% concentration of UDA-245 was more effective than 0.7% (AI) of neem oil (Neem Rose Defense). After a similar bioassay with the European red mite, a 0.5% concentration UDA-245 was as effective as 0.006% (AI) of abamectin (Avid). UDA-245 at 0.5% significantly reduced egg hatch of the twospotted spider mite, 5 and 9 d after treatment and of the European red mite 6 d after treatment. Egg hatch was significantly lower using 0.006% (AI) of abamectin, 0.7% of neem oil, and 1.0% insecticidal soap than UDA-245. Residual tests indicated that UDA-245 may be persistent in the environment only for a few hours. Only 23% mortality was noted when mites were introduced on bean leaves 1 h after treatment with a 2% concentration of UDA-245. At the recommended dose of 0.5%, UDA-245 was not considered phytotoxic for most plants tested, i.e., lettuce, roses, and tomatoes. Results suggest that a greenhouse integrated pest management program using UDA-245 could effectively and selectively control mite infestations by treating “hot spots” with negligible effect on biological control agents when treating before introduction or when natural enemies are absent.



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The present invention relates to pesticides. More particularly, the present invention relates to botanical pesticides. In particular, the present invention relates to compositions and methods for controlling plant-infesting pests with plant extracts and notably with compositions comprising oil extracts derived from *Chenopodium* sp. plant material. The invention further relates to compositions comprising such extracts as pesticidal compositions and providing the advantages of minimal development of resistance thereto, minimal toxicity to mammals, minimal residual activity and environmental compatibility. The pesticidal compositions of the present invention comprises α -terpinene, p -cymene, limonene, carvacrol, carveol, nerol, thymol, and carvone.

(21) Appl. No.: **10/467,696**(22) PCT Filed: **Jul. 14, 2003**(86) PCT No.: **PCT/CA03/01002****Related U.S. Application Data**(63) Continuation-in-part of application No. 10/195,131,
filed on Jul. 12, 2002.

In case you were unable to join (in person or on the conference line) the company meeting today, I wanted to share with you the good news. The EPA on April 16th 2008 registered the active ingredient “Extract of *Chenopodium ambrosioides* var *ambrosioides*”. At the same time, EPA approved QRD400, 25EC formulation for use in ornamentals.

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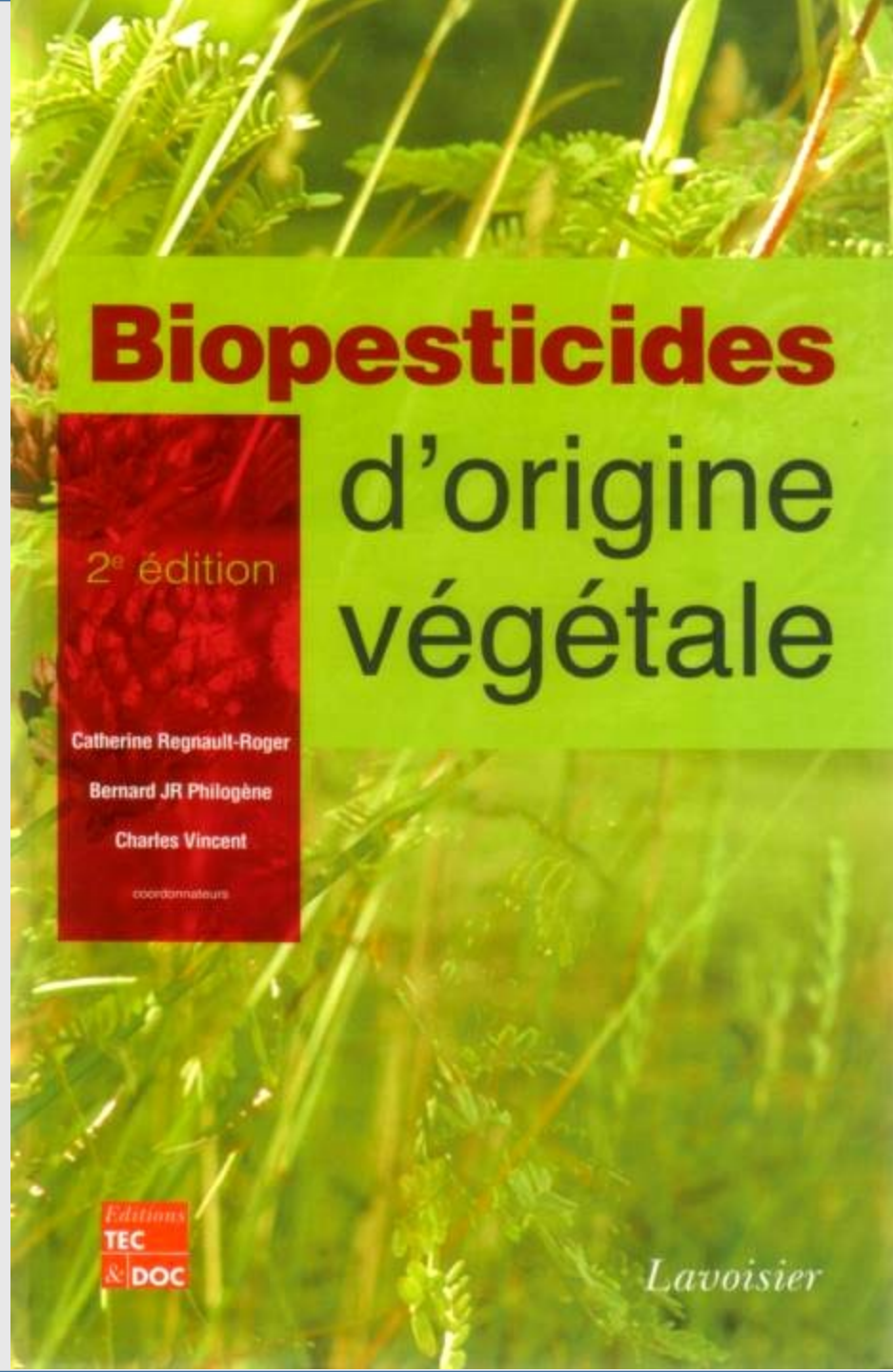
News Release

Further milestone to strengthen the fruits and vegetables business:

Bayer CropScience acquires US-based biological company AgraQuest for close to US\$ 500 million

- Unique technology platform and promising biological pipeline
- Wide range of established green product brands
- Purchase includes R&D and manufacturing facilities

Monheim, July 3, 2012 – Bayer CropScience announced today that it has signed an agreement to purchase AgraQuest, Inc. for a purchase price of US\$ 425 million



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*Recherche, développement
et commercialisation de Facin[®],
un biopesticide d'origine végétale
Étude d'un cas de réussite
en Amérique du Nord*

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Noubar J. Bostanian et Charles Vincent

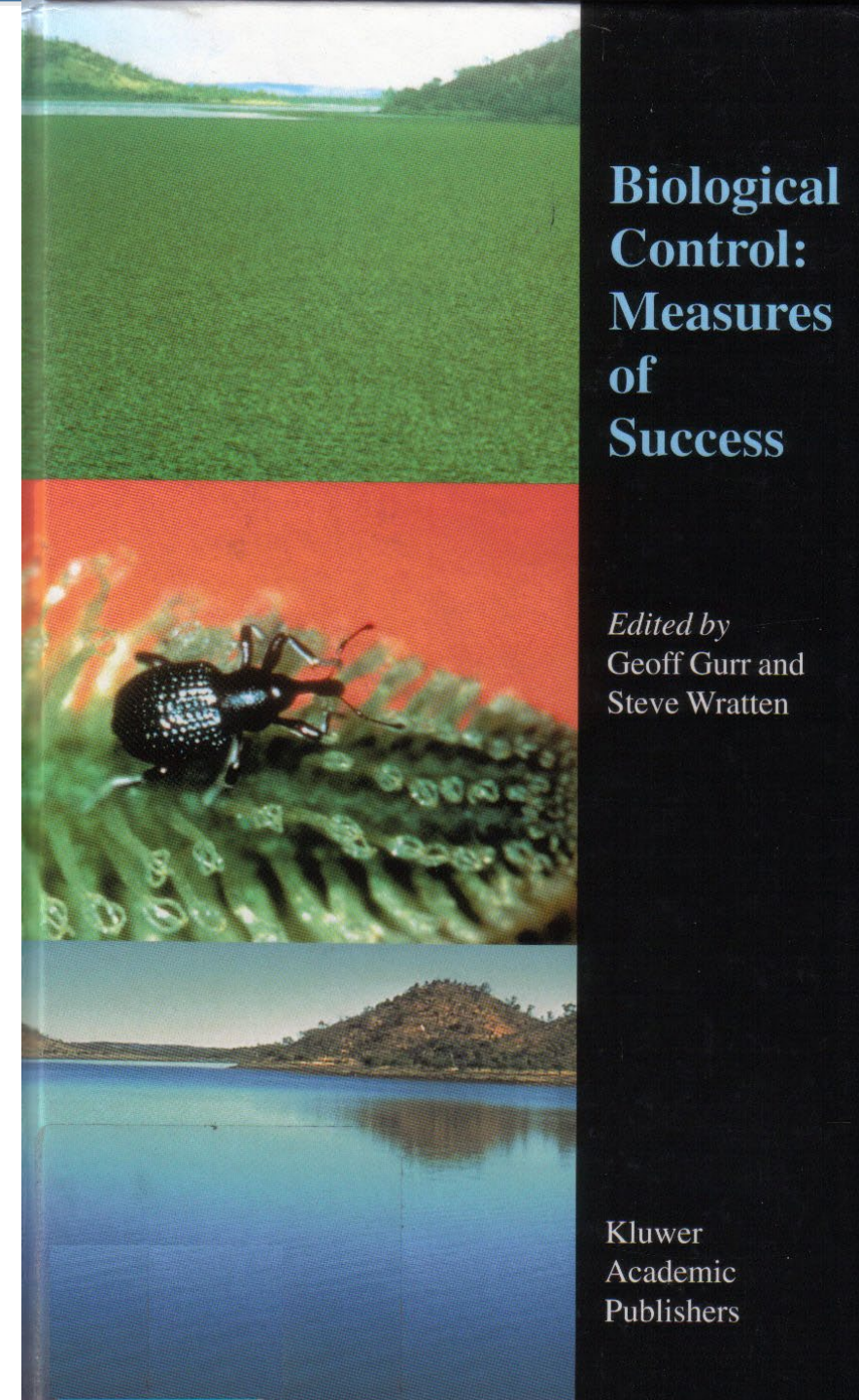
Les plantes, au cours de leur co-évolution avec les insectes, ont élaboré une myriade de composés secondaires, soit constitutifs, soit induits (Walling, 2000). Ces composés leur permettent de se défendre contre les attaques récurrentes des phytophages. Ainsi, des extraits de tanaïsie (*Tanacetum vulgare*) incorporés à leur nourriture causent de la mortalité chez des larves sensibles et résistantes (aux insecticides) de la tordeuse à bandes obliques (*Choristoneura rosaceana*) tandis des résidus d'extraits de tanaïsie empêchent la ponte des femelles (Larocque



Success

Technical efficacy
Practical efficacy
Commercial viability
Sustainability
Public benefit

(Gelernter & Lomer 2000 p. 299)

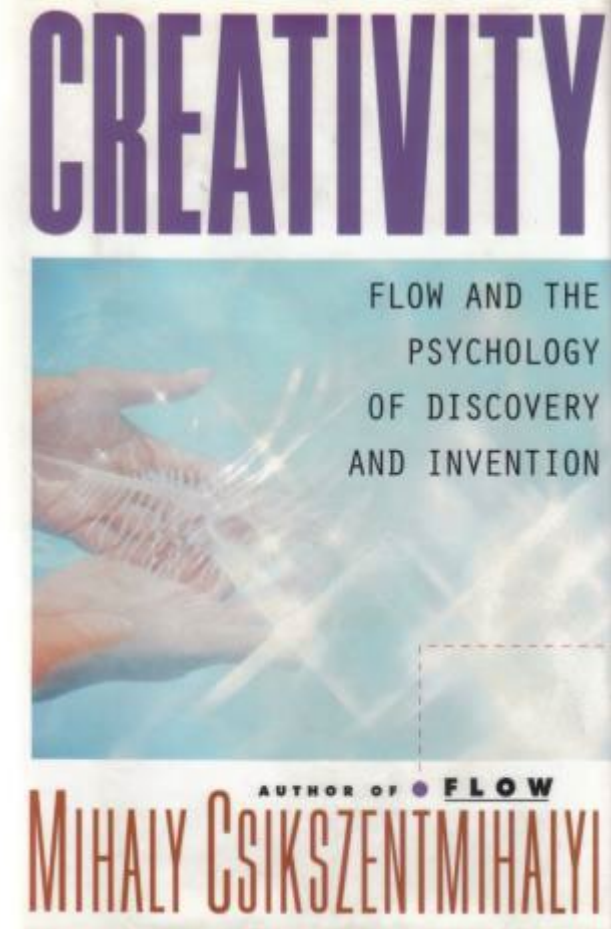


Backstage- Professional activities apparent to some

Writing scientific publications is a backstage process that requires focus and commitment

One has to be creative and rigorous

Judged by anonymous reviewers



Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi



Csikszentmihalyi on 5 June 2010 (aged 75)

In his seminal work, *Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience*, Csíkszentmihályi outlines his theory that people are happiest when they are in a state of *flow*— a state of [concentration](#) or complete absorption with the activity at hand and the situation. It is a state in which people are so involved in an activity that nothing else seems to matter.^[9] The idea of flow is identical to the feeling of being *in the zone* or *in the groove*. The flow state is an optimal state of [intrinsic motivation](#), where the person is fully immersed in what he is doing. This is a feeling everyone has at times, characterized by a feeling of great absorption, engagement, fulfillment, and skill—and during which temporal concerns (time, food, ego-self, etc.) are typically ignored.^[9]

View from my office window, 24 December 2018
30-minute walk weekdays from 12h30 to 13h00



Backstage- Professional activities apparent to some

Core activities: Read, Think, Write

As a profession we've gotten into a position where we work every night, we read theses, we review for journals, we sit on grant panels, all for free. I basically have two full-time jobs."

Fiona Simpson, a cancer researcher at the University of Queensland, in Woolston- The blight of burnout and impostor syndrome (Nature, 25 November 2021)

Backstage- Professional activities apparent to some

Some lessons learned

- 1- Think a lot (**difficult**)
- 2- Think long term (**long term financing**)
- 3- Attempt original solutions (**risk**)
- 4- Confront the results with reality (**disappointments**)
- 5- Do not expect success all the time (**never give up**)

Offstage- Personal activities apparent to some

We all have 24h/day and 7 days/week

In the end, balance of onstage, backstage and offstage activities is required to have a sustainable and meaningful scientific career.

Offstage- Personal activities apparent to some

To cope with the continuous demands of partners and stakeholders, one has to keep a balance between professional and personal aspects of life.

