The cultivation of citrus fruits, protagonist of the II course of specialization of the chair of FMC at the Polytechnic University of Cartagena

The citrus sector has focused the second course of specialization of the chair of FMC in the Polytechnic University of Cartagena**, recently held at its** School of Agricultural Engineering**. A hundred technicians and agricultural engineers from large farms and agri-food and distribution companies, many coming from Catalonia, Valencia and Andalusia, have been trained in biostimulation and other natural defense measures of application in citrus cultivation.**

"Biological products with zero residue are the future of fungicide treatments, insecticides and biostimulants", said the director general of FMC in Spain, Joaquín Marcos de León, during the presentation of the course, which also included the rector, Alejandro Díaz, and the general director

of Universities, Juan Monzó.

In addition to combating pests and weeds, the products and techniques described in this course *"biostimulate the soil so that they can recover better from stressful situations such as extreme droughts or saline irrigation",* explains Diego Pallarés, director of Markéting at FMC.

"For agriculture as intensive as the Region of Murcia, in permanent production throughout the year, it is crucial to have sustainable techniques in the face of the increasing demand for food with zero chemical waste between consumers in northern Europe and the United Kingdom United. It is a way of opening up new markets", adds Pallares, *who estimates the current and "growing" market share of these products between 20% and 30%*. The FMC-UPCT Chair took part in the course, free of charge and financed by the FMC-UPCT Chair. The participants were FMC's Global Biological Manager Niels Kristian and Biostimulation Expert Pawel Lewandowski.

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