

Agricen Sciences Announces Hiring of Plant Scientist Tony Adesemoye

Expert in plant pathology and plant growth promoting bacteria will help develop new microbial-derived technologies for agriculture

PILOT POINT, TX - May 1, 2013 - Agricen Sciences, an applied sciences research company leading the development of novel microbial and biochemical solutions for plant nutrition and health, announced today the hiring of Tony Adesemoye, PhD. Dr. Adesemoye, who joined the Agricen Sciences team as a staff scientist on April 1st, will focus on leading components of the Company's research projects to identify new microbial derived technologies to promote crop health and yields.

"Dr. Adesemoye is a top young scientist in the area of plant pathology and plant growth promoting bacteria. We look forward to the expertise he will bring to our research projects on plant nutrition, health and productivity," said David Lanciault, President and CEO, Agricen Sciences.

"He is making significant contributions already by developing our high throughput greenhouse testing platform," added Agricen Sciences' CSO, Maud Hinchee, PhD.

Prior to joining Agricen Sciences, Dr. Adesemoye was a fellow at Auburn University. He is an active member of the American Phytopathological Society (APS), serving on three committees: Integrated Plant Disease Management, Biological Control, and Bacteriology. His recent publications include:

- **1. Adesemoye AO**, Mayorquin JS, Eskalen A. *Neofusicoccum luteum* as a pathogen on Tejocote (*Crataegus mexicana*). *Phytopathologia Mediterranea*. 2013;52(1):123-9.
- **2. Adesemoye AO**, Egamberdieva D. Beneficial effects of plant growth-promoting rhizobacteria on improved crop production: prospects for developing economies. In: Maheshwari DK, Saraf M, Aeron A, eds. *Bacteria in Agrobiology: Crop Productivity*. New York, NY: Springer; 2013: 45-63.

About Agricen Sciences

Agricen Sciences is an applied sciences research company leading the development of novel microbial and biochemical solutions for plant nutrition and health. The company's cutting-edge research programs on soil-plant systems are yielding new insights for crop nutrition, soil science and nutrient management. By applying this knowledge, Agricen Sciences is developing innovative solutions to address the sustainability and production challenges facing modern agriculture. For more information, please visit **www.agricensciences.com**.