

Dr. Allana Welsh Joins Agricen Sciences

Microbiology expert to lead the discovery of new microbial-based products

PILOT POINT, TX - July 1, 2014 - 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 Allana Welsh, PhD.

Dr. Welsh, who joined the Agricen Sciences team on July 1, 2014 as Staff Scientist and Microbiology Team Leader, will lead the Company's efforts on research to identify new microbial solutions for crop health and protection.

"Dr. Welsh comes to us with a broad experience base in microbiology, from new strain isolation and identification to the metagenomics and ecology of soil microbial communities," says Dr. Maud Hinchee, Chief Science Officer of Agricen Sciences. "Her post-doctoral research in the diversity and function of bacteria involved in nitrogen cycling in agricultural soils is of special value in the development of new microbial based technologies for improving plant health and nutrition."

Prior to joining Agricen Sciences, Dr. Welsh held post-doctoral positions studying agricultural soil microbial diversity at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

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**.

