



## News Release

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### **Winners of the 2021 edition of the Louis Malassis Prize, Olam Food Prize and Shift Prize have just been announced**

**Agropolis Fondation, Olam and Biovision Foundation join forces for the recognition of champions and innovations for tomorrow's global agriculture**  
**Montpellier, 15 September 2021** – Out of 142 applications received from 51 countries, the International Jury of Agropolis Fondation has decided to award the international scientific prizes to the following individuals and projects in recognition of their contribution to global sustainable agriculture, improved food security and nutrition.

The *Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Agriculture and Food 2021* is awarded to:

- Dr Guillaume Martin, a French national from INRAe (France) - "Young Promising Scientist" category;
- Dr Bruce Tabashnik, an American national from the University of Arizona (USA) - "Distinguished Scientist" category; and
- Dr Felix Dapare Dakora, a Ghanaian national from the Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa) - "Outstanding Career in Agricultural Development" category.

The Olam Food Prize for Innovation in Food Security 2021 is awarded to the 'Green Rodent Control' project led by Luwieke Bosma, a Dutch national from MetaMeta Research (The Netherlands) and Dr Meheretu Yonas, an Ethiopian national from Mekelle University (Ethiopia).

The *Shift Prize for Transformative Agroecological Research for Development* is awarded to the project 'Farming Systems Comparisons in the Tropics' (SysCom), a collaborative project in Bolivia, India and Kenya, coordinated by the Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL, Switzerland).

#### **Building tomorrow's world agriculture**

The Agropolis Fondation Louis Malassis international scientific prize has been in existence since 2010 and takes place every two years. Since 2015, Agropolis Fondation has partnered with Olam, and the Malassis prizes are awarded along with the Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security. In 2020, Biovision, a Swiss-based foundation working on agroecology and sustainable agricultural development decided to join by adding the Shift prize for Transformative Agroecological Research for Development. "These three Prizes are intended to reward those who have made an exemplary contribution, through their training, research or development, to promoting innovations to improve sustainable agricultural and food production systems. The ambition is to help meet the food challenge and fight poverty across the globe." said Dr Marie-Christine Cormier Salem, Director of Agropolis Fondation.

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## About Agropolis Fondation

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Agropolis Fondation is a French scientific cooperation foundation created in 2007 by CIRAD, INRAe and Montpellier SupAgro, joined in 2008 by IRD and in 2018 by the University of Montpellier. It is dedicated to research, training and innovation at the service of agricultural and sustainable development stakeholders.

Its main mission is to promote the agro-ecological transition in tomorrow's agriculture, thanks to its internationally renowned scientific network of 40 research units and multi-actor and international partnerships.

More information on Agropolis Fondation can be found at [www.agropolis-fondation.fr](http://www.agropolis-fondation.fr)

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## About Olam International Limited

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Olam is a leading food and agri-business supplying food, ingredients, feed and fibre to 17,300 customers worldwide. Our value chain spans over 60 countries and includes farming, processing and distribution operations, as well as a sourcing network of an estimated 5 million farmers.

Through our purpose to 'Re-imagine Global Agriculture and Food Systems', Olam aims to address the many challenges involved in meeting the needs of a growing global population, while achieving positive impact for farming communities, our planet and all our stakeholders.

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## About Biovision Foundation

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Biovision Foundation is a charitable organization in Switzerland, founded in 1998 by the World Food Prize recipient Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren. Biovision aims at sustainably improving life for people in Africa while conserving the environment as the basis for all life. Core to Biovision's approach is the creation and dissemination of knowledge to sustainably improve the health of people, animals, plants and the environment. In 2013 Biovision and its founder won the Right Livelihood award for pioneering work in promoting a safe, secure and sustainable global food supply.

More Information on Biovision can be found at <https://www.biovision.ch/en/home/>

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