

Chair in Plant Health

An Understanding of Nematodes in Deciduous, Subtropical and Nut Trees as well as Vines and their Control

The Course Presenter: Sheila Storey



Sheila Storey was the owner of Nemlab (Pty) Ltd, a nematode diagnostic laboratory. She obtained her BSc (Agric) in 1981 majoring in Entomology and Plant Pathology and then obtained a MSc (Agric) in Nematology. After a sojourn as researcher in Potchefstroom and Elsenburg as well as lecturing at UWC she established Nemlab in 1987. The past thirty plus years have resulted in an in-depth knowledge of nematode diagnostics, problems relating to nematodes and a holistic approach to recommendations made to producers.

Sheila has obtained experience in identifying and controlling plant parasitic nematodes on numerous crops all over South Africa. She deals with perennial as well as annual crops and has travelled all over South Africa in order to assess the problems first-hand in the field. She also often travels to neighbouring African countries as her nematology expertise is in great demand all over Africa. Sheila has gained a fair insight into the problems nematodes cause in the agricultural industry. In the last few years her interest has turned to soil health with particular reference to the role beneficial nematodes play in soil health.

Sheila registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions in 1987 and has been a member of the Nematological Society of Southern Africa since 1981.

Sheila is currently working as a consultant to Nemlab and the Soil Health Support Centre.

The Course

Join us for this exciting course that covers the morphology, biology an ecology of plant-parasitic nematodes as well as their control on pome fruit, stone fruit, grapevines, citrus, nuts and subtropical fruits

To discuss and to apply the knowledge of the impact of nematodes on pome fruit, stone fruit, grapevines, citrus, nuts and subtropical fruits—and to examine the Soil Health Principles and the use of nematodes as bio-indicators for crop management

Programme

- · 08h15 Welcome
- · 21 August 2025 (Arrival 8h00 sign on)
- 08h30 10h45 Basic biology, morphology, ecology and survival of nematodes
- · 10h45 11h00 Tee/Coffee break
- · 11h00 13h00 Nematodes on pome fruit, stone fruit, grapevines, citrus, nuts and subtropical fruits
- · 13h00 14h00 Lunch break
- 14h00 15h30 Soil health principles with special reference to nematodes - Conclusion



Presenting type: Online

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Price: R3000 per person

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