

Day 1-May 11. Panel Discussion# on “Innovative approaches in Management of Cereal leaf Blight Diseases”

Location: Meeting Room 1

Time: 18.00-19.30

In Tunisia, Septoria tritici blotch has been a challenge to breeders and pathologists for over 50 years. Over the past 5 decades, several investigations have been realized and many approaches have been tested, but Septoria sustained and has become more of a nightmare to farmers that have mainly used fungicide control to alleviate yields losses. Good years are also conducive to Septoria development and farmers ensure 2-3 fungicide applications. Lately with the introduction of relatively tolerant varieties, farmers tend to overspray. *Some would say “I don’t want to take a risk and I want to have peace of mind”*. Septoria phobia has settled in the minds of many...

Hence, the panel will highlight a wide range of experiences on managing Septoria, offer alternatives to farmers, and will address farmers’ questions.

#Discussion will be in french