

## Hello Aggies!

In hopes of boosting relations between UC Davis alumni in the country and UC Davis Chile, we are starting a monthly newsletter. There are over 200 Aggie alumni here! We want to showcase current alumni work in Chile and expand opportunities for involvement. The News and Upcoming Events section aims at extending participation in UC Davis Chile events.

UC Davis Chile is the first step in the internationalization of UC Davis in Latin America, it is supported by CORFO's Program to Attract International Centers of Excellence. We work with the Chilean agrifood sector to provide science-based technological solutions via a collaborative research platform. In our first two years we have worked primarily with the viticulture and enology sectors, in close relation with the Concha y Toro and VSPT (Viña San Pedro y Tarapacá) vineyards. You can find out more about our board; academic and business alliances; current operations; our team, our newsletters and much more on our website: <http://ucdavischile.org/>

The center has several teams including a technical science team, a Program Consulting and Development team, an Innovation and Tech-Transfer Business Development team, among others. In the Team Update Section, we will highlight a team's initiatives. This month, the Science Team: a multidisciplinary group of researchers who aim to provide knowledge and cutting-edge technologies to generate agricultural solutions.

### Team update

**Pablo Zamora**,  
Chief Science Officer  
(UC Davis)



In this first stage, the research lines are implementing activities in areas of: molecular diagnosis of diseases and mitigation strategies; genomic tools for clonal identification; the efficient use of water and climate change. Prospection work is undergoing with the public and private sectors on agricultural requirements; from this, arose the need for a Bioproducts area ranging from the development to the characterization of bioproducts in the market.



**Francisco Rojo**, *Newest member!*  
Post-doc researcher  
in agro-climate technologies.  
(UC Davis alumni)



**Alvaro Castro**  
Program Coordinator  
Molecular Genetics/  
Genomics

**Priscila Moraga**,  
Post-doc researcher  
in Plant Pathology



**Freddy Boehmwald**,  
Bioproducts  
Development Coordinator



**Soroush Parsa**,  
Program Coordinator  
Agronomy and climate change  
(UC Davis alumni)

### News & Upcoming Events

#### CRHIAM-INOVAGRI International Meeting LEADING TECHNOLOGIES FOR WATER MANAGEMENT Concepción, Chile October 24-26

CRHIAM (Water Resources Center for Agriculture and Mining) and the Institute for Research and Innovation in Irrigated Agriculture (INOVAGRI) will conduct a scientific technical event for South American irrigation.

It will showcase UC Davis alumni speakers, experts in water resources: **Dr. Daniele Zaccaria**, **Dr. Richard Snyder**, **Dr. Eduardo Holzapel** and **Dr. Jans W Hopmans**.

**For info on the speakers, the event and to register: [Click here!](#)**

#### Launch of R2B Catalyst UC Davis Chile offices, October 25

#### **R2B Catalyst (Research to Business Catalyst) joins forces with UC Davis Chile: [info here!](#)**

Our special guest: **UC Davis'** associate vice Chancellor for technology management and corporate relations, **Dr. Dushyant Pathak**. He is responsible for Innovation-Access, Venture Catalyst and Corporate Relations.

**Dr. Dushyant Pathak** is also the keynote speaker for:

**The 5<sup>th</sup> "Science, Technology and Business Encounter"**, of the Ministry of Economy, Development, and Tourism.  
*Auditorio de Telefónica, October 26*

**[More info on this event here!](#)**