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## **OIV GRANTS PROGRAMME EMPOWERS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO ADDRESS THE MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING THE SECTOR**

The OIV announces the five research projects awarded OIV grants in 2025. These innovative projects address key challenges facing the global vitivinicultural sector, from sustainability and climate change to technological innovation and value-chain resilience.

The selected research projects, now underway, fall within key priority areas which the OIV grants programme seeks to explore, including: sustainable viticulture and adaptation to climate change; technological innovations and materials, with particular attention to reducing the carbon footprint; resilience of the vitivinicultural value chain, including economic and social sustainability and international trade; and consumer information, including safety and nutrition.

### **2025 grant recipients and project themes**

#### Sustainable Viticulture

**Title:** *Sustainable Alternatives to Copper for Plasmopara viticola: Unravelling Grapevine-Microbiota-Pathogen Interactions in a Rhizotron System* – 15 months

**Grant holder:** Asier Camara

#### Adaptation to Climate Change

**Title:** *Development and Application of High-Resolution Lysimetric Systems to Evaluate Stomatal Sensitivity to Water Stress in Grapevines* – 6 months

**Grant holder:** Felipe Ignacio Suarez Vega

#### Resilience of the Vitivinicultural Value Chain

**Title:** *From Genes to Glass: Enabling Genome Editing for a Globally Sustainable Wine Future* – 12 months

**Grant holder:** Syuzanna Mosikyan

#### Technological Innovations

**Title:** *Strategies for Improving the Sensory Quality and Stability of Dealcoholised Wines* – 36 months

**Grant holder:** Isela Mejia Fonseca

#### Technological Innovations

**Title:** *Oenological Process Optimisation and Stability Assessment of Canned Wines through Chemical and Sensory Analysis* – 12 months

**Grant holder:** Inés Horcajo Abal



## OIV research grants and vitivincultural sector support

As part of the implementation of its [Strategic Plan](#), the OIV awards each year short-term research grants and three-year research grants aimed at supporting high-level scientific projects in its priority areas. These grants are dedicated to postgraduate training and to the development of structured projects serving the global vitivincultural sector.

The funding of these research grants is made possible through a financial contribution from a consortium of companies from the global vitivincultural sector, in addition to the OIV's own budget. This complementary contribution allows to foster ambitious projects with a strong scientific, technical and societal impact, while fully guaranteeing the independence of the research.

For the third consecutive year, the consortium brings together [Familia Torres](#) (Spain), [Masi Agricola](#) (Italy), [Moët & Hennessy](#) (France), [Sogrape](#) (Portugal), [Viña Concha y Toro](#) (Chile) and [Yalumba Family Winemakers](#) (Australia).

Together with the OIV, these partners reaffirm their shared commitment to research, innovation and sustainable development, supporting the future competitiveness and resilience of the global vitivincultural sector.

### Editor's note:

## The International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)

The OIV is a scientific and technical intergovernmental organisation, and the world reference to the vine and wine sector.

The OIV currently has 51 Member States, countries producing and consuming grapes and wine, which account for 90% of the world's vineyard surface area, 88% of global wine production and 75% of global wine consumption. Twice a year over 500 experts come together to assess, discuss and approve by consensus resolutions on the following:

- 1/ Viticulture and table grapes
- 2/ Oenology and methods of analysis
- 3/ Law and economics of the vine and wine
- 4/ Consumer health and safety

For a century the OIV has been at the forefront of all global vitivincultural matters, providing standards, guidance and information for the vine and wine sector.

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