

Media Release

American Chemical Society names Syngenta's Camilla Corsi the 2026 winner of prestigious International Award for Research in Agrochemicals

- Recognition of R&D leadership in crop protection
- Camilla Corsi honored for contributions to the discovery of fungicides, insecticides and nematicides
- Syngenta delivering industry-leading pipeline and strong new blockbuster products

Basel, Switzerland / Chicago, USA, 24 August 2026 - Camilla Corsi, Head of Crop Protection Research & Development at Syngenta, is the winner of the prestigious 2026 American Chemical Society (ACS) International Award for Research in Agrochemicals. The ACS Fall Meeting, starting today, will hold a symposium in her honor to recognize her influential leadership and contributions to the discovery of the fungicide pydiflumetofen (ADEPIDYN® technology); the insecticides isocycloseram (PLINAZOLIN® technology) and spiropidion (TINIVION® technology); as well as the novel SDHI (succinate dehydrogenase inhibitor) nematicide cyclobutrifluram (TYMIRIUM® technology).

Together, Syngenta's ADEPIDYN®, PLINAZOLIN® and TYMIRIUM® technologies represent a new generation of crop protection treatments, delivering powerful disease, pest and nematode control across a wide range of crops and geographies.

A chemist by training, Corsi joined Syngenta in 2004, holding leadership roles in Research & Development. In January 2025, Corsi became head of Crop Protection Research & Development, an organization of more than 3,000 scientists, technologists and regulatory experts spread across 51 countries, including four world-class research sites. Corsi was appointed to Syngenta Group's extended Global Leadership Team in January 2025 and is a member of the company's Innovation Board.

"This is a very proud moment for me", Corsi said. "As a company, we continuously invest in key technologies to ensure agriculture becomes more productive, sustainable and resilient in the face of climate and resource pressures. I would like to thank the American Chemical Society for both recognizing the work we do at Syngenta and honoring me with this award."

Syngenta has the leading R&D pipeline for crop protection spending up to USD 2 billion per year on R&D across all its business units. It is on track to launch at least 20 new proprietary innovations in crop protection and biologicals over the next decade.

Crop protection is one of the world's most highly regulated industries. To gain and maintain registration, a chemical must be safe for workers, the environment, crops and consumers. Often taking more than 10 years to reach commercial launch, the average cost of bringing a new crop protection product to market is more than USD 300 million, according to latest industry figures. Syngenta is the world market leader in crop

protection products, offering farmers an extensive toolbox of solutions that help deliver higher yields with lower impact.

Alongside synthetic chemical pesticides, Syngenta conducts research into biological solutions, which are derived from nature itself or inspired by it. Their purpose is to keep pests in check, help plants absorb nutrients more effectively and withstand harsh climatic conditions.

Digital technology and artificial intelligence are increasingly reshaping agriculture. In the laboratory, in the field, and across the entire supply chain, the convergence of AI, data and deep agronomic expertise is redefining how food is grown, protected and delivered.

In R&D, machine learning is accelerating the discovery of novel active ingredients by exploring vast chemical spaces that would take human researchers decades to map. In parallel, generative design is delivering better and faster products to markets. In the field, drone-based detection, combined with AI-generated agronomic advice, is optimizing farm operations and making precision farming accessible at scale. In operations, AI-driven demand forecasting is streamlining logistics networks and supply chain efficiency. Together, these advances represent a step change in what modern agriculture can achieve.

Originally from Italy, Corsi has a graduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Florence, Italy, and holds a PhD from University College London, UK. She co-sponsors Syngenta's Women Leading in Science network, is a keen advocate for women and girls in STEM, and for the next generation of female science leaders.

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