

Nematodes in Space - Pheronym Wins Grant for Eco-Friendly Pest Control for Interstellar Agriculture

Bio-Remediation Solution Will Improve Agriculture on Earth and Beyond

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [Pheronym](#), a bio-

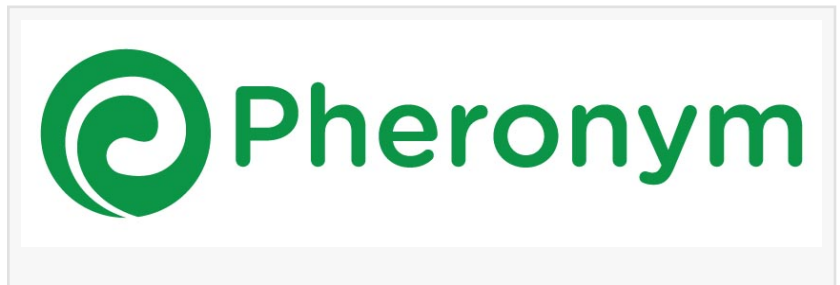
ag-tech pest control company, has

received the [Florida-Israel Innovation](#)

[Partnership Award](#) for its nematode

focused pest control solution. The

\$300,000 award will help the company conduct field tests of its proprietary eco-friendly solution with a variety of produce to determine its efficacy for use by astronauts in the future colonization of the Moon and Mars, as well as for applications here on earth.



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“Pheronym's innovative approach to bio-remediation is cost-effective, practical and friendly to the environment and humans,” said Tony Gannon of the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership Awards. “We see amazing benefits to improving agriculture here on Earth and are hopeful the solution can be just as effective for agriculture in space as we begin to explore our solar system and beyond.”

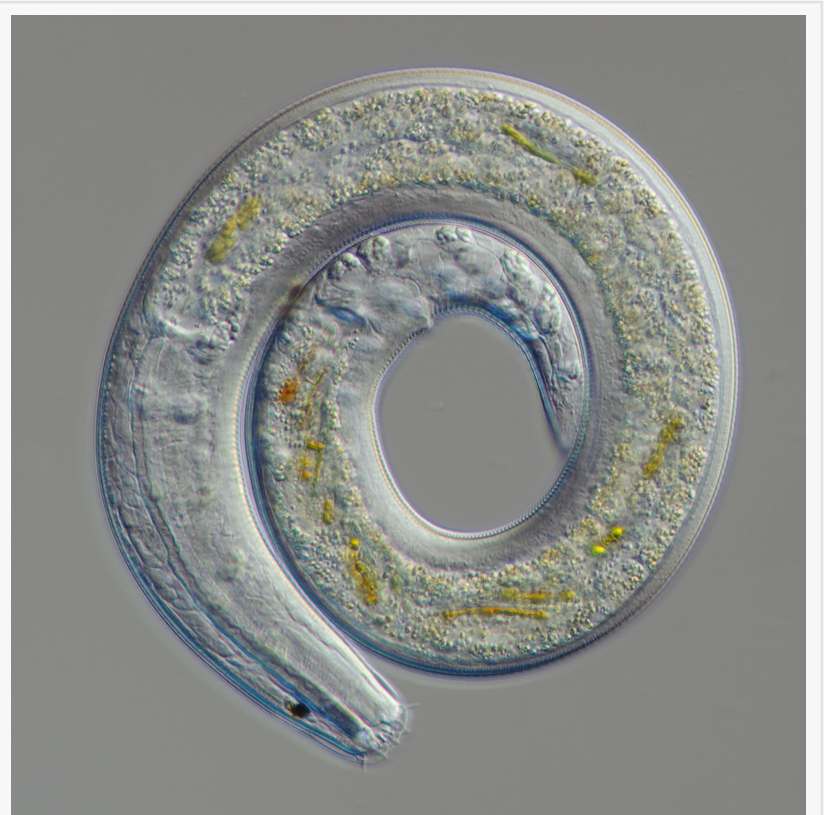
About Pheronym:

Pheronym is an ag-biotech pest control company which enables pesticide-free farming, based in ALACHUA, Florida and DAVIS, California. The company's bio-remediation process uses a new pheromone to control plant-parasitic nematodes (microscopic roundworms) as an eco-friendly way and also to eliminate pest insects. Learn more at <http://www.pheronym.com>.

About the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership Award:

The Florida-Israel Innovation Partnerships program purpose is the promoting of greater R&D in Aerospace and related technologies. Eligible R&D Projects must stimulate generation and development of new or significantly improved products or processes for commercialization in global markets. Learn more at <http://www.spaceflorida.gov/page/call-for-projects>.

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