

**Dr Michael Taliansky, Research Leader (Senior Principal Scientific Officer),
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The purpose of this award were: to facilitate collaboration between the Scottish Crop Research Institute and the Institute of Plant Protection (IPP); to investigate the role of a plant caspases in plant defence response; to use new equipment and technology developed at IPP for the delivery of genetic material into plant cells; to give lectures at IPP. Dr Taliansky also learned new technology and used a special facility developed by the IPP team that allows the delivery of genetic material directly to plant cells. As a result of this visit, the collaboration between the two laboratories has led to a productive exchange of ideas between the two groups. The collaboration will be continued on the ResistVir Coordination Action funded by EC under Framework Programme 6. Dr Taliansky has been invited to take part in the work of the subcommittee on the methods of non-conventional virus resistance led by the Israeli colleagues.