



International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)

Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania

Assuring Environmental, Health and Safety practices

Dear guests,

Please keep in mind that MAICh's gardens are landscaped in such a way that they retain natural features. The gardens of MAICh are located amidst natural forest, which is kept in its original state wherever possible, for the purposes of the sustainability of the natural environment. The whole area is maintained primarily for research, but also for showcasing the Mediterranean flora. The area is irrigated as little as possible, in accordance with the low water needs of xeriscape, and the climatic trends of the Mediterranean.

In tandem with this effort, MAICh takes every step necessary in order to ensure that the health and safety of the staff, students and visitors of the Institute is maintained to the highest level. At the same time, it should be noted that harsh pesticides and other chemical treatments are avoided wherever possible, in order to maintain the area in its natural state, as well as being environmentally friendly.

Therefore, it is only natural that there may be some issues related to small insects that make their way into the buildings of MAICh. Every care is taken to keep the areas clean on a regular daily basis. Staff, students and visitors should feel assured that the presence of such insects is not a health hazard, and every effort is made in order to ensure that the environment of MAICh is a safe and healthy one.