DAFNAE is involved in partnerships and bilateral agreements with several universities and research centres in Europe and all around the world, including Australia, Brazil, Chile, Nepal, New Zealand, Poland, Turkey, USA, and Uzbekistan.

**Mission**
Improving knowledge to promote the competitiveness of the agri-food sector and the sustainable use of natural resources to enhance the quality of human life.

**HOW TO REACH US**
DAFNAE is based at the Campus of Agripolis, in Legnaro, about 10 km from Padova. It can be easily reached by bus from the Central Bus Station in Padova, by car, either from A4 (Padova Est exit) or A13 (Padova Zona Industriale exit) motorways, by plane from Venice (50 km), Treviso (60 km) and Verona (110 km) airport.

**STAFF**
- **Academic staff (69):** 18 full professors, 27 associate professors and 24 researchers
- **Technical/administrative staff (47):** 29 laboratory/field technicians, 15 administrative operators and 3 informaticians
- **Temporary staff:** >45 PhD students, >30 postdocs, >20 collaborators

**Mobility**
DAFNAE is involved in more than 30 Erasmus+ programmes allowing a flow of students from more than 15 European countries; moreover, DAFNAE hosts undergraduate and PhD foreign students and an increasing number of post-docs thanks to its international exchange programmes.

**Dissemination**
DAFNAE organizes seminars, scientific meetings, workshops and round tables to promote top level scientific dissemination.

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DAFNAE runs both basic and applied research programmes in several areas of agricultural science, including Agronomy and Soil Science, Animal Science, Ecology and Environmental Science, Entomology, Food Science and Technology, Genetics and Genomics, Microbiology, Plant Science. DAFNAE is part of several interdepartmental centres: CIRVE, CIRGEO, CIRPAM, CRIBI, and CINIDT.

Scientific production
During the last four years, DAFNAE produced more than 130 scientific publications per year, most of which (>75%) in journals ranking in the first quartile of impact factor for the subject category. Every year, DAFNAE publishes a Research Yearbook: www.padovauniversitypress.it/collana/DAFNAE-Research-Yearbook

Patents and spin-offs
DAFNAE’s staff is involved in more than 20 patents, including national and international IP forms, in the scientific areas of agricultural biotechnology, agronomy, animal and plant genetics, and microbiology. Two spin-offs, PAN-DRP and GfB, are active in DAFNAE.

Facilities and services
The Department hosts several research laboratories among which three are specialized and carry out analytical services for third-party users: BreedOmics, the Central Chemical Laboratory (LaCHI), the Genomics Laboratory (LabGen), and the Sensory Analysis Laboratory (AnSen-LAB).