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Plant Empowerment Workshop

**July 9-10, 2020
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (EDT)**

We are using The Ohio State University's **Zoom platform. Visit go.osu.edu/plantworkshop for more information.**

*Advanced learning and discussion towards
“an integrated approach based on physics and plant physiology, leading to
a balanced growing method for high yields, quality, saving energy, and
profitability in greenhouse controlled environments”*



Instructor: Dr. Peter van Weel
Author of *Plant Empowerment*
Expert in greenhouse climate control
Former PI at Wageningen UR
The Netherlands



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Thursday, July 9: Part One

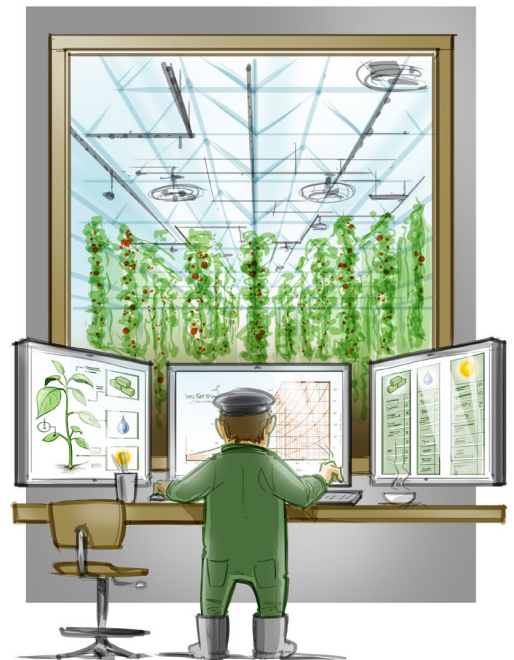
10 a.m to 2:30 p.m.

**“Introduction to Plant
Empowerment, The Theories”**

Friday, July 10: Part Two

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**“The Practical Applications of
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Thursday, July 9th (10AM-2PM EDT) – Introduction to Plant Empowerment, The Theories

- 10AM-10:10AM Welcome & announcements (Chieri Kubota, Ohio State)
- 10:10AM – 11:15AM Basic knowledge about physics and physiology that play an important role in a greenhouse and for plants (Peter van Weel, The Netherlands)
- The interaction between the main resources: CO₂, light, water, RH and temperature
 - The energy balance and stomata opening
 - The role of air movement and ventilation
 - The role of heat emission in the dark
- 11:15AM – 11:30AM Q&A
- 11:30AM – 11:45AM Break
- 11:45AM – 1:00PM Plant empowerment, from experience-based control to sensor-based control (Peter van Weel, The Netherlands)
- Controlling 6 balances instead of climate. Why are they important?
 - Why and how reduction of transpiration under intense light can increase photosynthesis
 - Why is transpiration control in the dark better than RH or VD control?
 - Prevention of fungal diseases with a better screen management
- 1:00PM – 1:40PM Q&A, Discussion (Panel: Peter van Weel; Peter Ling; Chieri Kubota)
- 1:40PM – 2:00PM Sponsor mini presentations

Friday, July 10th (10AM-2PM EDT) – The Practical Applications of Plant Empowerment

- 10:00AM – 11:00AM Introduction to the sensors, the software tools and the value of data analysis (P Peter van Weel, The Netherlands)
- Measure energy balance to control transpiration, stomata opening and water balance
 - The RTR (ratio temperature to radiation) tool to control plant balance
 - Demonstration of the radiation monitor tool: the effect of energy screens on the greenhouse climate, transpiration, energy consumption and plant conditions
- 11:00AM – 11:15AM Q&A
- 11:15AM – 11:30AM Break
- 11:30AM – 12:30PM Cont.
- Demonstration of the GPE (growing by plant empowerment) simulation tool: how can I use the hardware components such as screens, light, air tubes, air circulation or ventilation fans and windows in an integrated way?
- 12:30PM – 1:10PM Q&A, Discussion (Panel: Peter van Weel; Peter Ling; Chieri Kubota)
- 1:10PM – 1:30PM Sponsor mini presentations
- 1:30PM Closing (Chieri Kubota, Ohio State)

