GENETIC RESOURCES, BREEDING AND SEED PRODUCTION WORKING GROUP

Dear colleague,

The Steering Committee of the Working Group on Genetic Resources, Breeding and Seed Production of the European Vegetable Research Institutes Network (EUVRIN) warmly welcomes you to our Working Group meeting, to be held in Catania on June 27th and 28th, 2018.

Please find attached to this invitation the programme that we have put together, which includes scientific sessions under the title "Modern Trends for PGR Use, Breeding and Seed Production". The programme is complemented by a technical programme and sessions related to the work and future prospects of the Working Group, as well as netwoking sessions.

As mentioned in our previous emails, for your full convenience we've pre-booked a number of rooms in some hotels of a variety of categories and prices. If you haven't confirmed your booking yet, please do so as soon as possible in order to guarantee that you can book at the special discounted rate.

Please note that a fee of 50 € will be charged in order to cover the costs of transportation, lunch and printed materials during the meeting. A reduced fee of 25 € is available for students. The payment can be done in cash directly in Catania. A receipt will be issued upon payment.

In the next days, you will receive further information about the meeting, including the location of the hotel and the meeting.

Any comments, suggestions or questions are highly welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact Giulia Schippa (giuliaschippa.arch@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions.

We are glad that you have seized the opportunity to participate in the EUVRIN meeting and to participate in our scientific and networking sessions, and are looking forward to meeting you in Catania!

Sincerely,

The Steering Committee of the EUVRIN WG on Genetic Resources, Breeding and Seed Production
The Organizing Committee and the Organizing Secretariat of the 2018 Working Group Meeting

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EUVRIN MEETING OF THE "GENETIC RESOURCES, BREEDING AND SEED PRODUCTION" WORKING GROUP

"Modern Trends for PGR Use, Breeding and Seed Production"
Catania, Italy, 27th and 28th June 2018

DAY 1 Wednesday, June 27th 2018

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

TECHNICAL TOUR AND DEMONSTRATION

9:00 Technical tour of field sites managed by Itaka Solution in Vittoria: "*Improve soil fertility and crop protection using microorganisms and natural bioactive compounds*", in which the application of Itaka protocols by the farms will be demonstrated and discussed.

22:00 Dinner in the area and return to Catania

DAY 2 Thursday, June 28th 2018

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

8:15 Registration and welcome coffee

8:40 Inauguration of the session

9:00 INVITED LECTURE 1

"Shifting goal posts for pre-breeding: tapping 'the wild' to adapt agricultural systems to climate change"
(Jaime Prohens, Universitat Politècnica de València)

9:30 INVITED LECTURE 2

"BEAN ADAPT: The Genomics of Adaptation during Crop Expansion of Common Bean"
(Roberto Papa, Università Politecnica delle Marche)

10:00 INVITED LECTURE 3

"Seed production in vegetables: new opportunities and challenges"
(Silvia Giuliani, Assosementi)

10:30 ROUND TABLE ON MODERN TRENDS FOR PGR USE, BREEDING AND SEED PRODUCTION

11:15 QUESTIONS AND OPEN SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSION

12:00 LIGHT LUNCH AND NETWORKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP

WORKING GROUP PROGRAMME

13:00 PRESENTATIONS OF THE EUVRIN GRBS WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Short presentations of Working Group members of 5-10 minutes per presentation. Presentations will be organized according to main theme, such as PGR, breeding, seed production, variety trials, or by crop. See related question in the survey.

15:00 GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WORKING GROUP

Working Group member discussion on selected topics, including funding opportunities, future activities of the Working Group and priority themes for the Working Group.

15:45 QUESTIONS AND FUTURE ACTIONS IN THE WORKING GROUP

16:30 CONCLUSIONS AND WRAP-UP

For further information, please contact Giulia Schippa (giuliaschippa.arch@gmail.com)