Virtual Workshop

Innovative Biotechnology - A Tool for Climate Change Mitigation, Food Security, and Alternative Energy Sources

Agenda

June 14, 2022

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 (1400 – 1745)

1400	Welcome remarks (Charles Rush/FAS Rome) (5 min)
1405	Introduction of Dr. Luigi Cattivelli (Ornella Bettini/FAS Rome)
1405	Dr. Luigi Cattivelli, Director, Research Centre for Genomics and Bioinformatics, Italian Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA), Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food, and Forestry Policies (20 min) *Durum wheat genomics: knowledge to improve a key crop for food security in the Mediterranean region*
1425	Introduction of Dr. Darija Bilanđija (Andreja Misir/FAS Zagreb)
1425	Dr. Darija Bilanđija, University of Zagreb, Division of Agroecology (20 min) *Challenges faced in agriculture due to climate change*
1445	Introduction of Dr. Maxwell Darko Asante (Charles Rush/FAS Rome)
1445	Dr. Maxwell Darko Asante, Principal Research Scientist, Rice Breeder, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Crops Research Institute (CRI), Kumasi, Ghana (20 min)
1505	Introduction of Dr. Steven S. Xu (Charles Rush/FAS Rome)



1505	Dr. Steven S. Xu, Research Geneticist, Crop Improvement and Genetics Research Unit, USDA-ARS (Agricultural Research Service), Western Regional Research Center, Albany, California (20 min) *Advancing genomic tools and resources for improving world wheat crops and food security*
1525	Break (5 min)
1530	Introduction of Dr. Rose Suniso Maxwell Gidado (Charles Rush/FAS Rome)
1530	Dr. Rose Suniso Maxwell Gidado, National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA); Country Coordinator, Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology (OFAB) in Africa, Nigeria Chapter (20 min) *PBR Cowpea Nigeria: the journey to commercialization*
1550	Introduction of Mr. Robert Wager (Charles Rush/FAS Rome)
1550	Mr. Robert Wager, Vancouver Island University (Retired) (20 min) *Climate change and agricultural research priorities*
1610	Introduction of Dr. Aleksej Tarasejev and Dr. Uroš Savković (Tanja Maslac/FAS Belgrade)
1610	Dr. Aleksej Tarasejev, Principal Research Fellow, Institute for Biological Research, University of Belgrade (5 min) *Serbian policy on biotechnology and new breeding technology*
1615	Dr. Uroš Savković, Research Associate, Institute for Biological Research, University of Belgrade (20 min) *Using experimental evolution in developing new methods for pest insect control*
1635	Break (5 min)
1640	Introduction of Dr. Argyriou (Dimos Faniadis/ FAS Rome covering Greece)
1640	Dr. Notis Argyriou, Senior Researcher, Institute of Applied Biosciences - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, Thessaloniki (20 min)



1700	Introduction of Dr. Fuad Gasi (Sanela Stanojcic/FAS Sarajevo)
1700	Dr. Fuad Gasi, Professor, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding in Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Processing, University of Sarajevo (20 min) *Raising awareness to facilitate favorable legislative conditions for novel approaches to common bean breeding*
1720	Q & A
1745	Closing Remarks – Charles Rush, Agricultural Attaché