

Dear Wheat Researcher

It is with a great pleasure to inform you that the **8th International Wheat Conference (IWC)** will be held from **June 14 – 18 2010 in St. Petersburg (Russia)**. The conference is organized by the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and the N.I. Vavilov Research Institute of Plant Industry and supported by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (Cornell University). You can find more information on the conference as well as pre-registration forms on <http://www.8iwc.org/>

Recent IWCs held in Ankara, Turkey (1996), Budapest, Hungary (2000) and Mar del Plata, Argentina (2005) proved an interest and need for broader multi-disciplinary forum of scientists to discuss issues common in the global wheat improvement community. The 8th IWC will continue in this tradition and will maintain the diversity of topical wheat presentations and discussions.

We encourage you to participate in this conference and look forward to welcoming you in St. Petersburg. The conference will take place during the city's "white nights" when the sun hides only for a short while each evening and you will therefore have plenty of time and opportunities for interactions with colleagues, meeting old friends and acquiring new ones.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the **8th International Wheat Conference in St. Petersburg.**

Yours Sincerely

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