

Preliminary announcement

“Climate Change and Plant Breeding Answers”

Joint AGRISAFE – EUCARPIA Workshop for Young Cereal Scientists

We are pleased to invite you to participate at the joint AGRISAFE–EUCARPIA workshop for young cereal scientists, which will be held in Budapest, Hungary on March 22nd, 2011.

AGRISAFE is an FP7 REGPOT project dealing with the effects of climate change on agricultural crop production. Climate change scenarios forecast significant decreases of up to 20% in plant productivity, coupled with a general decline in the stability of agricultural ecosystems. This will demand new approaches to plant breeding.

The joint workshop will discuss research involving genebanks and genetic resources, and breeding tools for biotic and abiotic stress resistance. The keynote speakers of the three planned sections are:

Dr Andreas Börner - Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK), Gatersleben, Germany

Professor Beat Keller – University of Zurich, Institute of Plant Biology, Zurich, Switzerland

Professor Hermann Bürstmayr – Universität für Bodenkultur, Vienna, Austria

Professor Dénes Dudits – Biological Center, Institute of Plant Biology, Szeged, Hungary

Deadline for applications for oral and poster presentations is **15 December 2010**.

PhD students and postdoc fellows are also welcome to participate. Registration is free. More details will be available in the 1st circular on the AGRISAFE (www.agrisafe.eu) and EUCARPIA (www.eucarpia.org) homepages.

We look forward to seeing you in Budapest.

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