

EUCARPIA 29th Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses Section Meeting

Preliminary announcement

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in **the 29th EUCARPIA Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses Section meeting**. The meeting will be held on the 4th-8th September 2011 in the Dublin Castle Conference Centre in Dublin, Ireland. In the duration of the meeting a mid conference tour is included. A satellite workshop can be arranged for the 4th of September (please get in contact with us as soon as possible). The meeting is organized by Teagasc, the Irish Food and Agriculture Development Authority.

The theme of the meeting will be **“Breeding strategies for sustainable forage and turf grass improvement”**.

Over the last several decades many developments in science and technology became available for application in breeding. Advances in tissue culture, cross species hybridisation, quantitative genetics and computational power, sensor technology, “-omics”-based sciences and biotechnology all have enormous potential, and are all being used with great success in the breeding of many plant species. We feel that it is appropriate to examine the potential impact of these technologies and sciences on real world forage and turf grass breeding, and ask the question: “What will the future of forage and turf grass breeding look like?” Breeding methodologies and genetic resources will be included in the meeting.

We hope for a strong participation and look forward to seeing you in Dublin!

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On behalf of the local organizing committee