

GENES, SEEDS, PLOTS, MODELS & THE POOR:
Transforming the Role of Data, Analysis and Knowledge in Raising the Productivity of the Cropping Systems of the Poor
Wednesday 4th - Thursday 5th April, 2007 St. Paul, University of Minnesota
 Agenda Updated April 3, 2007

Time	Title	Speaker		Title	Institution	E-mail
Day 1, Wednesday, 4th April: Information Systems for Assessing the Context, Challenges, and Targets of Crop Improvement for the Poor						
8:30	The Roundtable challenge	Mark Rosegrant	10	Director, Environment & Production Technology	IFPRI	m.rosegrant@cgiar.org
		Chuck Muscoplat	10	Vice President	University of Minnesota	cmuscop@umn.edu
		Roundtable rules	Edie Paul	10	Principal	Geneflow
9:00	Crop system improvement in a development context	Emmy Simmons	15	(Former) Ass. Administrator	USAID	emmysimmons@aol.com
		Tsedeke Abate	10	(Former) Director General	EIAR, Addis Ababa	geremush@yahoo.com
10:00	<i>Coffee</i>		30			
10:30	Cropping systems, performance, and monitoring	Richard Jones	10	Assistant Director & Head, SCOSA	ICRISAT, East Africa	r.jones.cgiar.org
		Haluk Kasnakoglu	7	Director, Statistics Division	FAO	haluk.kasnakoglu@fao.org
		V. Balaji	7	Head, IT	ICRISAT, Hyderabad	v.balaji@cgiar.org
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>		60			
1:00	Assessing the distribution & variability of production environments & biotic production constraints	Ken Giller	10	Chair, Plant Production Systems	Wageningen University	ken.giller@wur.nl
		Serge Savary	7	Head	UMR en Santé Végétale, INRA - ENITA	ssavary@bordeaux.inra.fr
		Erich C. Oerke	7	Professor of Plant Pathology	University of Bonn	ec-oerke@uni-bonn.de
3:00	<i>Coffee</i>		15			
3:15	Integrating demand realities into crop improvement	Cobus Le Roux	10	Research & Technology Manager	Small Grain Institute, ARC, South Africa	leroux@arc.agric.za
		J.V. Meenakshi	7	Impact and Policy Coordinator	HarvestPlus	J.Meenakshi@cgiar.org
4:30	Assessment of potential impacts for the poor	Phil Pardey & Stanley Wood		Co-Principal Investigators	HarvestChoice	ppardey@umn.edu s.wood@cgiar.org
5:15-6:30	PANEL 1: Key opportunities for transforming information systems for targeting crop improvement for the poor	John Dixon		Director, Impact & Targeting	CIMMYT	j.dixon@cgiar.org
		John Lynam		Managing Director	Kilimo Trust	jlynam@kilimo.co.ug
		Gary Toenniessen		Interim Director	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa	gtoenniessen@rockfound.org
6:45-7:30 Pre-Dinner Drinks (followed by Roundtable Dinner at the Weisman Museum)						

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Day 2, Thursday, 5th April: Information Systems Supporting the Process of Crop Improvement						
8:00	Designing more effective breeding programs	Luis Sanint	10	Director Public-Private Partnerships	Former Director FLAR	l.sanint@cgiar.org
		Alfred Dixon	7	Cassava Breeder	IITA	a.dixon@cgiar.org
		Wolfgang Pfeiffer	7	Breeding Coordinator	Harvest Plus	w.pfeiffer@cgiar.org
9:30	<i>Coffee</i>					
9:45	Improving the search for useful genes/traits	Andrzej Kilian	10	Director	Diversity Arrays Technology (DART)	a.kilian@diversityarrays.com
		Ron Phillips	7	Regents Professor	University of Minnesota	phill005@umn.edu
		Jonathan Crouch	7	Director, Genetic Resources Program	CIMMYT	j.crouch@cgiar.org
11:00	Tapping the full potential of bioinformatics	Graham McClaren	10	Head, Biometrics Unit	IRRI	g.mclaren@cgiar.org
		Edie Paul	7	Principal	GeneFlow	epaul@geneflowinc.com
		Ernie Retzel	7	Senior Res. Assoc., Bioinformatics	University of Minnesota	ernest@umn.edu
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>		60			
13:15	Enhancing the role of spatial and production system modeling	Brian Keating	10	Chief	CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems	brian.keating@csiro.au
		Jeff White	7	Co-leader ICASA	USDA/ARS	JWhite@uswcl.ars.ag.gov
14:15	PANEL 2: Key opportunities for transforming information systems underpinning crop breeding	Rebecca Nelson		Associate Professor/ Program Director, CCRP	Cornell University/ McKnight Foundation	RJN7@cornell.edu
15:45-16:30	SYNTHESIS: Saving time, saving money, saving lives: From ideas to action on transforming information systems supporting crop improvement for the poor (nearer and longer term) .					

Note: Breakfast served on both days at the Campus Club (meeting rooms). Wednesday 4th from 8:00am, Thursday 5th from 7:30am