

CAIGE Project Newsletter



CIMMYT- Australia - ICARDA Germplasm Evaluation

February–March 2014

Dear CAIGE colleagues,

Welcome to the February/March newsletter. Things have been quite hectic in the past few weeks and before I knew it, it was already March and the February newsletter was not published.

March is the month for report writing and I'm sure most of you have had to sit down and go through your countless emails and files to sum up the achievements of the past 12 months. Enjoyable? NO. Necessary? YES. It's a bit like filling in the tax form at the end of the financial year— you just have to stop procrastinating and get down to it.

The following few weeks

are going to be very busy for the CAIGE team with the Annual Meeting in Canberra and two breeder visits to the main donor institutes, CIMMYT and ICARDA.

We have had a great response for the Annual meeting, so I am sure I will see many of you in Canberra next week. Until then

Ciao for now!

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Upcoming events:-

- *CAIGE Annual Meeting '14 - 17th March 2014*
- *Australian Breeders' trip to CIMMYT - 23rd -31st March'14*
- *Dr Borlaug 100th b'day summit @ CIMMYT– 25th -28th March'14*
- *Australian Breeders' trip to ICARDA - 13-21April'14*

CAIGE Annual Meeting 2014

The Annual CAIGE meeting will be held on the **17th March 2014** in the afternoon, in the Lecture Theatre of the **CSIRO Plant Industry** facilities in Canberra (Black Mountain).

The Annual CAIGE meeting is an **open** meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend. After all the presentations, there will be a discussion with input from the audience, about the direction of the CAIGE project. This is a good opportunity for members of the CAIGE community to voice their opinions and share their thoughts. We do welcome everyone to join the discussion.

The CAIGE meeting is also a **FREE** event, but you do need to **REGISTER**, or let us know of your intention to attend, for catering purposes.

[Registration date has now passed, but if you still want to attend, please let us know ASAP.](#)

Date: Monday 17th March 2014

Time: 1pm

Place: CSIRO Plant Industry, Canberra

CAIGE Yield Trials 2013

Analysis of the data from the CAIGE Yield Trials of last year, have been completed and can be downloaded from the CAIGE website from the section "[Evaluation >> CAIGE Yield Trials >> CAIGE Yield Trials 2013](#)"

These results will also be presented at the Annual meeting on 17th March.

CAIGE Annual Meeting Agenda—March 17th 2014

11.00am – 12.00pm	CAIGE working group meeting (closed meeting)
12.00pm – 1.00pm	LUNCH (RSVPs required ASAP)
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Session 1 - <i>Chair: Richard Trethowan</i>
1.00pm – 1.10pm	Welcome & Summary of last 12 months – <i>SMicallef</i>
1.10pm – 1.20pm	2013 Yield Trials Data Analysis – <i>Mark Dieters</i>
1.20pm – 1.45pm	New alliance agreement - <i>Omid Ansari</i>
1.45pm – 1.55pm	CIMMYT report – <i>Julie Nicol (for Ravi Singh)</i>
1.55pm – 2.05pm	Soil Borne Pathogens – <i>Julie Nicol (for ADababat)</i>
2.05pm – 2.15pm	ICARDA report – <i>RTrethowan (for TWuletaw)</i>
2.15pm – 2.30pm	Feedback from Wheat Breeders – <i>Michael Quinn</i>
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Pre-breeders report - <i>Andrew Milgate</i>
2.45pm – 3.00pm	BMS software - <i>Angela Pattison</i>
3.00pm – 3.20pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm – 5.30pm	Session 2
3.30pm – 3.40pm	Barley Project report – <i>Mark Dieters</i>
3.40pm – 3.55pm	FIGS Project report – <i>Kenneth Street</i>
3.55pm – 4.05pm	Quarantine Project – <i>Greg Grimes</i>
4.05pm – 4.15pm	Managing on-farm biosecurity risk - <i>LEmebiri</i>
4.15pm – 4.25pm	Trait discovery in wild barley – <i>Timothy March</i>
4.25pm – 4.35pm	Chickpea Breeder report – <i>Aladdin Hamwieh</i>
4.35pm – 4.45pm	New CAIGE website – <i>Sandra Micallef</i>
4.45pm – 5.30pm	Discussion - <i>Richard Trethowan Chair</i>

CAIGE Yield Trials 2014

The 2013 shipment was multiplied at Narrabri and Canberra in 2013. We have now received the seed back from the breeders and will be planning the trials for this year.

This multiplication has given us enough seed from 256 lines for 7 partially replicated trials. This also includes 11 Australian checks which will be grown together with the CIMMYT and ICARDA lines.

The list of checks is as follows:-

- ⇒ AXE
- ⇒ CRUSADER

- ⇒ EGA GREGORY
- ⇒ EMU ROCK
- ⇒ GLADIUS
- ⇒ LIVINGSTON
- ⇒ MACE
- ⇒ MAGENTA
- ⇒ SCOUT
- ⇒ SUNTOP
- ⇒ YITPI

The locations for these trials will be decided in agreement with the Australian breeders at the Annual CAIGE meeting.

Material for distribution

2012 shipment

Material that was grown last year in the CAIGE Yield Trials, will be screened for diseases this year. The screening will include:-

- ⇒ Crown Rot
- ⇒ Septoria Tritici Blotch
- ⇒ Yellow Leaf Spot
- ⇒ Stagonospora Nodorum
- ⇒ Tox A/Tox1/Tox3

We have enough seed for further distribution, so if you would like us to send you some seed, please

let us know. The list of material is on the CAIGE website [CLICK HERE](#).

Breeder selections (2013 shipment)

The Australian Breeder Selection lines from CIMMYT have been increased and are now available for distribution. This set consists of 446 lines selected from the field by Australian breeders during the 2012 visit. The list of material is on the CAIGE website [CLICK HERE](#).

If you want any seed from these sets, please send the CAIGE coordinator an email.

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Reminders ...

Do you have any news to share on the CAIGE newsletter?

Send it to us at :-
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Do you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter? Let us know and we will add them.

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Laughter, the best medicine

"Three-legged chicken"

A man was driving along a rural road when he realized he had to make a phone call. He had forgotten his cell phone was miles from a pay phone so he decided to stop in at the next farmhouse he found.

As he was approaching a house he noticed a three-legged chicken racing along the road. He followed the chicken and clocked it at 45 miles per hour.

When the man got to the farmhouse he asked the farmer about the chicken. The farmer replied, "Well, when I was at the university I studied genetics. 'Round these parts we love chicken and we're all partial to the drumstick, so I thought I'd see if I could make a three-legged chicken. So, here 'tis."

The man was quite impressed. He asked, "How does it taste?"

The farmer replied, "Don't know. Ain't none of us been able to catch one yet."

