

CAIGE Project Newsletter



CIMMYT- Australia - ICARDA Germplasm Evaluation

August–September 2014

Dear CAIGE colleagues,

Welcome to the August-September edition of the CAIGE newsletter.

This will only be a short newsletter but has important news and reminders nonetheless.

I am on annual leave for 6 weeks from this Monday, so there will be no other newsletters until November / December. Please contact Richard Trethowan for any queries.

Ciao for now!

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Coordinator and Data Administrator

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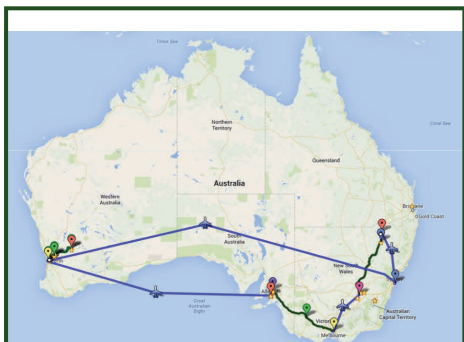
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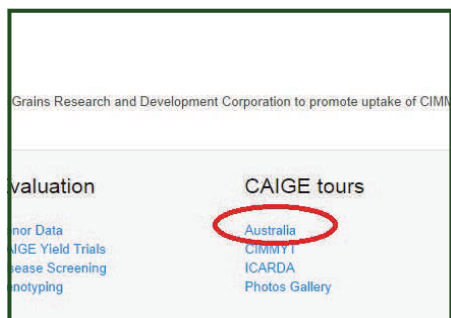
- *PBI Narrabri (University of Sydney) Field Day– Narrabri, 10 September 2014*
- *9th Conference of AFITA– Perth, 29 September–2 October 2014*
- *QAFFI Gatton Field Day– Gatton, 1 October 2014*
- **CAIGE Yield Trials Tour– 25 -31 October 2014**
- *15th Australasian Plant Breeding Conference– Melbourne, 26-29 October 2014*
- **CAIGE Steering Committee Meeting– 29 October 2014**
- *9th International Wheat Conference - Sydney, Australia September 2015*

CAIGE Yield Trials Tour 2014

All preparations for the CAIGE Yield Trials tour have been made, and we are looking forward to visit the sites in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.



All details of the tour are on the CAIGE website. On the main page of the site, scroll down to the “CAIGE tours” menu and click on “Australia”.



From the right hand side menu, then select “[CAIGE Tour 2014](#)”.

If you would like to join this tour, please contact the CAIGE Project Team Leader, Dr Richard Trethowan (Richard.trethowan@sydney.edu.au)

CAIGE Steering Committee Meeting

The next Steering Committee Meeting for the CAIGE project, will be held on Wednesday 29th October in Horsham.

The Steering Committee Meeting is held twice a year, usually in March and in October, when all (or most of) the project leaders are together during the breeder visits to donor institutes and during the yield trials tour in Australia.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss the projects' progress and address any arising issues with input from all parties.

This year we will have Dr Ravi Singh from CIMMYT and Dr Tadesse Wuletaw from ICARDA joining us on the tour, and at this meeting.

At each meeting we also have present one of the Australian wheat breeders. For this meeting Dr Daniel Mullan from Intergain, has accepted the invitation to represent the rest of the breeding community.

If you do have any concerns or suggestions for the Steering Committee, please do contact us, so we can discuss them at the meeting.

Please contact:-

Richard Trethowan

(Richard.trethowan@sydney.edu.au)

Or

Daniel Mullan

(DMullan@intergrain.com)

15th Plant Breeding Conference - Melbourne October'14

The 15th Australasian Plant Breeding Conference be held at the Novotel Hotel, St. Kilda in Melbourne, Australia from 26th - 29th October 2014.

<http://www.australasianplantbreeding.com.au/>

During the second day of the conference (Tuesday 28th), the CAIGE Project Leader, Dr Richard Trethowan, and CIMMYT's distinguished scientist and head of Bread Wheat Improvement Dr Ravi Singh, will be taking part in the panel discussion themed *Australasia's Partnerships in International Breeding Programs*.



Dr Ravi Singh (2nd from left) and Dr Richard Trethowan (1st on right) will be talking at the 15th APBC in Melbourne. Also in the photo are Dr Daniel Mullan (1st left) (Intergrain) and Dr Matthew Reynolds (CIMMYT)

Field Day REMINDERS

PBI NARRABRI

The Annual Narrabri Field Day is on again on Wednesday, **10 September 2014**, between 9am and 5pm. Morning tea, lunch and closing drinks are included. For more information and to register contact Richard Heath at richard.heath@sydney.edu.au

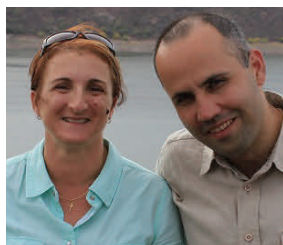
Winter Cereal Research Field Day—GATTON

The Annual Field Day at Gatton will be held on October 1st, at the field sites of the University of Queensland and the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. For more information, see the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation website. <http://www.qaafi.uq.edu.au/> OR Contact Dr Lee Hickey at l.hickey@uq.edu.au

Welcome to Lauren DuFall (GRDC)

A big welcome to Lauren DuFall from GRDC who is taking over some of the responsibilities from Dr Omid Ansari with regards to the CAIGE Project.

Lauren, we look forward to work with you on the CAIGE project.

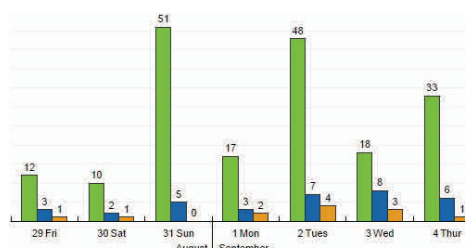


And to Omid, we would like to send him our thanks and appreciation for the hard work he put in during the past 3 years.

Thank you Omid, we look forward to work with you again.

Statistics from CAIGE website

We are very excited by the latest statistical figures from our CAIGE website. These show that more and more people are finding the CAIGE website as a valuable resource of information, which is exactly the aim of our project.



On average, 5 visitors access the CAIGE website each day (including weekends), with each person visiting an average of 6 pages.

2 of these visitors are 'returning' visitors, which means they have accessed the site before. 80% of the website hits are from Australia and 12% from Mexico.

A BIG Thank you to each one of you who are supporting the CAIGE project!

2015 CAIGE Breeders' trip to ICARDA



In 2015, the Annual CAIGE Breeders' visit will be to the research facilities of ICARDA in Morocco and Lebanon, and the plans for this trip are already underway. We already have a few breeders signed up to join us on this trip, so do not leave it till it's too late to sign up!!!!

If you would like to join the CAIGE group on this trip, send us an email (Sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au)

International Wheat Conference 2015

The Organising Committee invites you to submit an expression of interest for IWC 2015.



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