

CAIGE Project Newsletter



CIMMYT- Australia - ICARDA Germplasm Evaluation

December 2014

Dear CAIGE colleagues,

2014 is almost over and we have been blessed with another successful year of the CAIGE project.

Looking over the past 12 months, the project has gone through some major changes, namely, the importation and evaluation of barley and chickpea germplasm from our donor institutes.

In 2014 we also welcomed Lauren DuFall, who has taken over the role from Dr Omid Ansari at GRDC, and also had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Ravi Singh from CIMMYT on the CAIGE Yield trials tour for the first time.

Looking forward to 2015, we have a number of activities happening. The Annual CAIGE meeting will be held in March, while in April a group of breed-

ers will join the CAIGE group on a visit to the ICARDA facilities in Morocco.

September 2015 will see an influx of international breeders and scientists visiting Australia for the 9th International Wheat Conference in Sydney. There will also be a number of other meetings being held during that time, so keep checking the CAIGE website for any news of activities during these meetings.

In the mean time we hope you all take a much deserved break and thank you for your cooperation and interest in the CAIGE project. Hope to see you all in 2015!!

Ciao for now!

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- *International and Animal Genome*
10-14 January 2015
- **CAIGE Annual Meeting**
Adelaide, 12 March 2015
- **National Barley Foliar Pathogens Meeting**
Adelaide, 12 March 2015
- *CAIGE Breeders Tour to ICARDA*
mid April 2015
- *17th Australian Barley Technical Symposium*
Sydney 13-16 September 2015
- *BGRI – Sydney* 17-20 September 2015
- *9th International Wheat Conference*
Sydney, Australia 20-25 September 2015



CAIGE Yield Trials 2014



Data from the 2014 Yield Trials of the CIMMYT and ICARDA material, is currently being collated by the breeders. We have received some of this data and we will be uploading the information on the CAIGE website as soon as it becomes available.



Welcome

The CAIGE suite of projects is funded by the Grains Research ; Australian breeding programs



To view the data from the CAIGE trials, please go to the CAIGE website (<http://caigeproject.org.au>), scroll down to the EVALUATION menu and select the [CAIGE YIELD TRIALS](#) option. (as shown above)

Annual CAIGE meeting 12th March 2015

A reminder that the next CAIGE Annual meeting will be held in Adelaide on Thursday 12th March 2015 during the Wheat Breeders Meeting week.

This is an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided, so it is **important for everyone to RSVP** to the meeting when the request is sent out.



There will also be a CAIGE-Barley talk during the National Barley Foliar Pathogens Meeting, in the afternoon of the same day.

More information about these two meetings will be sent out closer to the date. If you would like to give a talk during the CAIGE Annual meeting, please let the Project Coordinator (Sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au) know.

Australian Breeders' visit to ICARDA–2015

The next CAIGE Australian Breeders visit will be to ICARDA in **Morocco**. The trip will take place around **mid-April** and we will be visiting different ICARDA breeding stations around Morocco.



The CAIGE project (Wheat) is funding the travel expenses for 5 Australian breeders for this trip, while the CAIGE-Barley project is funding the travel expenses for 2 breeders.

The itinerary for this trip is still being drawn up in collaboration with our colleagues at ICARDA. All details will be published once they are finalised.

To view some photos from the 2014 visit to ICARDA by the Barley group, [click here](#).

International Wheat Conference 2015

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

Visit the website <http://www.iwc2015sydney.com> for more information.



Statistics from CAIGE website

The monthly statistics from the CAIGE website have been very encouraging lately. The figures on the right show the spread of our website users from Australia to Europe, and across the Atlantic to the Americas. (date range for the data is 9-22 Dec)

During the month of November we had a 50% increase from the previous month, in the amount of pages browsed through the website, while during the month of December we have had a 30% increase in the amount of first time visitors (294 visitors for Dec and 222 for Nov).

Thanks to all who support our website and please let us know if you have any feedback or queries



Country	
190 Hits	38.00% United States
172 Hits	34.40% Australia
47 Hits	9.40% China
13 Hits	2.60% Canada
12 Hits	2.40% Egypt
11 Hits	2.20% Iran, Islamic Republic Of
11 Hits	2.20% Norway
9 Hits	1.80% Morocco
8 Hits	1.60% Greece
5 Hits	1.00% Brazil
5 Hits	1.00% Turkey

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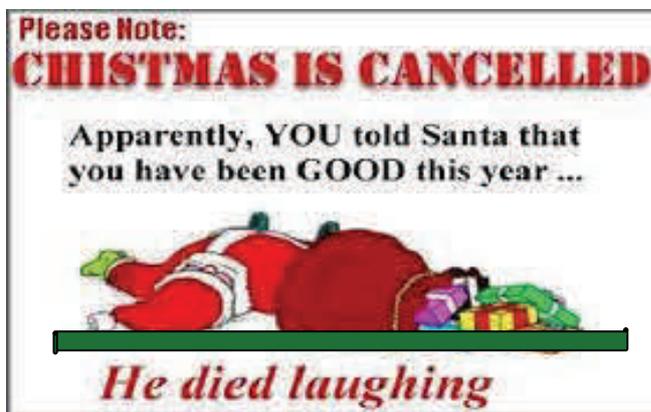
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CHRISTMAS HUMOUR



We take the opportunity to wish all the CAIGE community and their families, a safe holiday season, and best wishes for the Christmas festivities. May you take this time to appreciate the love of your family and friends and may the new year bring more blessings for you all.