

# CAIGE Project Newsletter



CIMMYT- Australia - ICARDA Germplasm Evaluation

July 2015

Dear CAIGE colleagues,

Welcome to the July edition of the CAIGE newsletter.

July has been a very cold month here in Australia. Some parts of the country have experienced extremely low temperatures, and we even had snow in Queensland! The town of Stanthorpe, which is about 230kms south of Brisbane and 50kms north of the NSW border, had the first snowfall in 30 years. And just to understand how rare this event is, parents even gave a day off school to their kids to take them on a road trip to see the snow in Stanthorpe!

Unfortunately the cold and wet weather has hindered the field sowing plans of some breeders, so we are keeping our fingers crossed this will not have any major impact on our trials and seed increase plots.

In this edition you will find the confirmed itineraries for the CAIGE Barley and Wheat Yield Trials tours in September and information about the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting.

We look forward to see many of you at the conference in Sydney in September, and in the meantime, if you have any questions or feedback about the CAIGE project, do not hesitate to contact us.

Ciao for now!

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## EVENTS

- *PBI Narrabri field day - 9 September*
- *CAIGE Barley yield trials tour - 8-13 Sept & 17-18 Sept*
- *CAIGE Barley Meeting—13 Sept 2015*
- *17th Australian Barley Technical Symposium  
Sydney 14-16 September 2015*
- *BGRI— Sydney 17-20 September 2015*
- *9th International Wheat Conference  
Sydney, Australia 20-25 September 2015*
- *CAIGE Wheat yield trials tour - 28 September— 3 October 2015*
- *TropAg2015—Brisbane 16-18 November*
- *[More events .....](#)*

## CAIGE Yield Trials Tour 2015—Wheat and Barley

This year's CAIGE Yield trials tours for barley and wheat will coincide with a series of international plant science meetings happening around Australia. The itineraries for both tours have now been finalised and all bookings made.

The barley tour will begin in Perth, ending in Brisbane and will be led by Dr Mark Dieters who is the Leader of the CAIGE Barley Project. Joining the barley tour will be Dr Ahmed Amri, Dr Ramesh Verma and Dr Sanjaya Gyawali, from ICARDA.

The wheat tour will begin in Narrabri, ending in Perth and will be led by Dr Richard Trethowan. Joining this the wheat tour will be Dr Tadesse Wuletaw from ICARDA, Dr Karim Ammar and Dr Suchismita Mondal from CIMMYT and Dr Amer Dababat from CIMMYT-Turkey.

We look forward to meet many of the Australian breeders and scientists who are involved with the CAIGE project on this tour.

### Barley Tour

Date	Activity
07/09/2015	Arrival in Perth Drive to Wongan Hills
08/09/2015	Visit Wongan Hills trial Visit Toodyay trial Fly to Adelaide
09/09/2015	Visit WAITE campus Visit Pinery and Roseworthy sites
10/09/2015	Visit Turretfield and Geranium sites Drive to Horsham
11/09/2015	Visit AGG Visit Horsham trial and VIC DEPI
12/09/2015	Drive to Melbourne
13/09/2015	Fly to Sydney
14/09/2015	Australian Barley Technical Symposium
15/09/2015	Australian Barley Technical Symposium
16/09/2015	Australian Barley Technical Symposium
17/09/2015	Tour continues in Brisbane Visit Gatton and Kingsthorpe
18/09/2015	Visit LRC in Toowoomba and Hermitage station in Warwick Return to Brisbane
19/09/2015	Connect to international flights from Brisbane or Sydney

### Wheat Tour

Date	Activity
21/09/2015	International Wheat Conference Sydney
22/09/2015	International Wheat Conference Sydney
23/09/2015	International Wheat Conference Sydney Social afternoon—visit to Botanical Gardens <b>CAIGE Steering Committee Meeting</b>
24/09/2015	International Wheat Conference Sydney Conference Dinner
25/09/2015	International Wheat Conference Sydney Post-conference Field Trip
26/09/2015	Post-conference Field trip
27/09/2015	Post-conference Field trip Plant Breeding Institute –Narrabri
28/09/2015	CAIGE tour start Visit Narrabri and NorthStar trials Drive to Tamworth
29/09/2015	Fly to Wagga Wagga (via Sydney) Visit Junee trial Drive to Wangaratta
30/09/2015	Drive to Horsham Visit Horsham site
01/10/2015	Drive to Roseworthy Visit Roseworthy trial site
02/10/2015	Fly to Perth Visit Mukinbudin site Overnight in York
03/10/2015	Visit Toodyay site Return to Sydney

Please note! Date change for  
barley meeting

A reminder about updates on the CAIGE website:-

⇒ NEW PULSES section - click on the icon on the main page. So far we only have lists of the germplasm imported for chickpeas, lentils and faba beans from ICARDA in the past 18 months or so. As more data becomes available from other GRDC-funded projects using this material, it will be posted on the CAIGE website.



⇒ CAIGE Wheat Yield trials information - click on WHEAT icon on the main page, then select 'Yield Trials 2015' from the menu. Fieldbooks for this year's trials can be found on the 2015 page, while data from past trials (including analysis), can be found on each respective year page.

⇒ CAIGE Barley Yield Trials information - click on the BARLEY icon on the main page and select the 2015 page to view this year's barley trials fieldbooks. This is the first year of coordinated CAIGE barley trials, and hence no other yield data for the barley material is available yet.

⇒ Data from CIMMYT and ICARDA - for the bread wheat and barley material. Select the "DONOR DATA" option on the menu of the respective crop you select from the main page.

## Wheat Menu

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This meeting has now been **postponed** to coincide with the CAIGE Wheat meeting on Wednesday 23rd September 2015, and will only require attendance of members involved in the decision making of the project, who will be notified in due course. More details and a meeting invitation will be sent in the coming weeks.

We apologise if we have caused any inconvenience with your travel plans.

## CAIGE Steering Committee Meeting September 2015

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Sydney on Wednesday 23rd September 2015. This is an invite-only meeting of the major partners in the project, namely the CAIGE management team, CIMMYT and ICARDA representatives, GRDC representative, Australian genebank and quarantine officials, and representative(s) from the Australian breeding community.

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

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

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## PBI Narrabri field day

**Date:** Wednesday 9 September 2015

**Time:** 9am – 4pm

**Where:** IA Watson Plant Breeding Institute, Narrabri

**Getting there:** Drive or Train – 7 hours, or fly - into Moree, then 1 hr drive to Narrabri, or into Tamworth then 2 hr drive to Narrabri (as no commercial service available into Narrabri)

- Featured presentations will tie into this year's themes of legumes and drought/heat
- Attendees can look forward to new innovative field displays
- Morning tea, lunch and closing drinks are included
- More details including registration info to follow closer to the event.

## TropAg2015

**Date:** 16-18 November 2015

**Where:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank, Brisbane

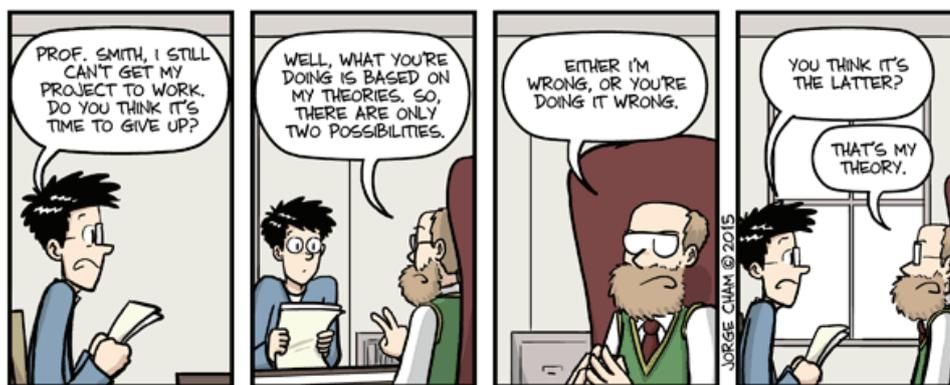
The conference is designed to focus on research advances within the agriculture industries located in the subtropics and tropics including livestock (beef, dairy, pork, poultry) grain and pulse crops, sugarcane and horticultural crops.

For more information visit:

<http://tropagconference.com.au/>

# TropAg2015

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## Organic Vegetables

A woman called her husband during the day and asked him to pick up some organic vegetables for that night's dinner on his way home. The husband arrived at the store and began to search all over for organic vegetables before finally asking the produce guy where they were. The produce guy didn't know what he was talking about, so the husband said: "These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with poisonous chemicals?" To which the produce guy replied, "No, sir, you will have to do that yourself."

