

# CAIGE Project Newsletter



CIMMYT- Australia - ICARDA Germplasm Evaluation

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Dear CAIGE colleagues,

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

The August edition of the newsletter was not issued and instead is being published in early September. The month of September is definitely a very busy one for most of the CAIGE community, breeders and plant science research groups. With multiple meetings being held in Sydney and field trips around the country, we hope that this newsletter will be a welcome break from all the other literature (or fieldbooks) you need to be looking at!!

We do not have any major announcements this month, so you will find reminders of activities that are happening in the next few days. However we are pleased to find out the date for the next Annual CAIGE meeting in Adelaide in March—so make sure you

put it in your calendars.

On a lighter note, did you know that we have more than 100 likes on [Facebook](#)? On the CAIGE Project Facebook page, we do not only have news from the project, but we also link to news from CIMMYT, ICARDA, Borlaug Global Rust Initiative, GRDC and ABC Rural News. So it is easy to keep up with news from these institutions - just go to the [CAIGE Project Facebook page](#) and click LIKE!

That's all from me - hope to see you in Sydney!

Ciao for now!

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## EVENTS

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- *CAIGE Barley yield trials tour - 8-13 Sept & 17-18 Sept*
- *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 Annual Meeting 2016

The date for the next Annual CAIGE Meeting for stakeholders, has just been set for Thursday **10th March 2016** (morning session).

During that week, there will be several other meetings being held by research groups such as the

- Australian Cereal Rust Control Program (ACRCP)  
coordinated by Dan Mullan, Robert Park
- Australian Wheat and Barley Molecular Marker Program (AWBMMP)  
coordinated by Diane Mather
- National Barley Foliar Pathogens Variety Improvement Program (NBFVIP)  
coordinated by Greg Platz
- Wheat Breeders  
coordinated by Steve Jeffries
- Barley Breeders  
coordinated by Stewart Coventry
- Yellow leaf spot Project  
coordinated by Manisha Shankar
- National Yield Loss Project  
coordinated by Rob Loughman, Greg Platz
- Pathology working group  
coordinated by Andrew Milgate

The CAIGE meeting will be chaired by Dr Richard Trethowan, Project Leader and will present reports from CAIGE collaborators on their work achievements including :

- ICARDA breeding program
- CIMMYT breeding program
- CIMMYT-Turkey Soil Pathogen Program
- Australian breeder about trip to Morocco and Turkey in 2015
- Barley Project
- Wheat Yield trials analysis results

## 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. The meeting will be held during the week of the International Wheat Conference in Sydney which most of the invited parties will be attending.

If you would like to put forward any items for discussion during the meeting, please email the coordinator on [sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au)

- Disease screening
- Discussion session with breeders on plans over the following 12 months

This is an open meeting and all are welcome to join in. There will also be a dinner organized



the night before the meeting—more details will follow closer to date.

In the mean time, make sure you put

down the **10th March** in your calendars.

# CAIGE Yield Trials Tour 2015—Wheat and Barley

The CAIGE Barley tour is currently underway in South Australia and Victoria ahead of the Australian Barley Technical Symposium. Dr Mark Dieters is leading the tour and joining him are Dr Ahmed Amri, Dr Ramesh Verma and Dr Sanjaya Gyawali, from ICARDA.

After the barley symposium in Sydney, the tour will continue in Queensland with visits to Gatton, Toowoomba and Warwick.

The wheat tour will begin in Narrabri, ending in Perth and will be led by Dr Richard

Trethowan. There have been some changes done to the itinerary (marked by \*\* in the program below), to make our trip a bit easier.

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.

## 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 Moree, fly to Sydney**
29/09/2015	Fly to Wagga Wagga Visit Junee trial Fly to Melbourne**
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



Dr Karim Ammar with Dr Gururaj Kadkol—Obregon, 2012



Dr Tadesse Wuletaw with Dr Bertus Jacobs—Morocco, March 2015



Dr Suchismita Mondal with Dr Ravi Singh—March 2015  
*Source LinkedIn.com*

## Upcoming events



AUSTRALIAN  
BARLEY  
TECHNICAL  
SYMPOSIUM  
INC.

13-16 Sept 2015

<http://www.abtsbarley.info/>



IWC2015

September 2015 / Sydney Australia

International Wheat Conference

20-25 Sept 2015

<http://www.iwc2015sydney.com/>



12TH INTERNATIONAL

Gluten Biotechnology  
Workshop

12-15 September 2015



65th Australian Cereal Chemistry Conference  
September 16th-18th 2015, Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
Coogee

## AUSTRALASIAN PLANT PATHOLOGY SOCIETY

Conference

14-16 September 2015  
FREMANTLE • WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Melbourne Convention and  
Exhibition Centre  
27 September to 1 October 2015

## TropAg2015

Tropical Agriculture Conference 2015

Meeting the Productivity Challenge in the Tropics

16-18 November 2015 | Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

## Laughter, the best medicine

An elderly Italian man lived alone in New Jersey . He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, since the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

*Dear Vincent,*

*I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over.. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.*

*Love, Papa*

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

*Dear Pop,*

*Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.*

*Love,*

*Vinnie*

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

*Dear Pop,*

*Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.*

*Love you,*

*Vinnie*