

CAIGE Project Newsletter



CIMMYT- Australia - ICARDA Germplasm Evaluation

December 2015

Dear CAIGE colleagues,

Welcome to the December edition of the CAIGE newsletter.

Another Christmas is upon us once again, and as 2015 draws to an end, we are thankful for another successful year of research and collaboration with all of the CAIGE project stakeholders.

Taking a look at the events of the past 11 months :-

In March, at the Annual CAIGE meeting, we had several collaborators joining us in decision-making discussions, on various sections of the projects. These discussions are essential in determining milestone parameters which ultimately determine the project's future, and hence we welcome everyone's input at these meetings.

March and April also saw our CAIGE breeders participate in a tour to ICARDA research facilities in Morocco and to CIMMYT research stations in Turkey. We thank CIMMYT and ICARDA for organizing these visits and for being wonderful hosts.

September was a busy month for most, with multiple international meetings held in Sydney. It was a great opportunity to catch up with many of our colleagues during these meetings and to have a friendly chat over a drink or two.

After the International Wheat Conference in Sydney, we took a number of CIMMYT and ICARDA breeders on a tour of CAIGE trial sites through New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. The aim of these tours is for

CIMMYT and ICARDA breeders to see first hand how their material is adapting to the different Australian environments. This in turn helps them determine which lines from their own breeding programs, are suitable to send to Australia through the CAIGE project.

And so here we are at the end of 2015, crunching numbers from the yield trials, weighing seed from our multiplication trials, and planning trials for next year. 2016 is shaping up to be very busy as well with the introduction of coordinated durum wheat yield trials. In fact CAIGE activities are increasing each year - an indication of how successful research can be when everyone collaborates together under good management.

And so, on behalf of the CAIGE management team, I would like thank you all for your involvement with CAIGE, and to wish you a Merry Christmas full of blessings, and a New Year full of good health and success.

Ciao for now!

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There are only a few items in our newsletter this month—so you can get through them very quickly!

CAIGE trip to CIMMYT

The next visit to Obregon will be from **13-19th March 2016**. We have had several enquiries and expressions of interest for this trip.

The CAIGE project will partially fund 3 wheat breeders and 1 durum breeder for this trip. We have invited the breeding companies to put forward their nominations for breeders to join this tour. We would also like to extend the invitation to the broader CAIGE community to send their expression of interest in joining the tour at their own expense.

The cost estimate for this trip is about AUS\$3500 (based on previous visits—\$2500 for flights, \$1000 for food and accommodation). As you can understand this might vary depending on availability of flights to get to Obregon.

A detailed itinerary for flights and logistics, will be issued in January. If you have any additional queries, contact the CAIGE coordinator (sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au)

CAIGE trip to ICARDA

The CAIGE Barley project is organizing a visit to ICARDA in Morocco in 2016. The dates for this tour will be: **3-8 April 2016**.

The tour will be lead by Dr Mark Dieters (University of Queensland) and will visit multiple ICARDA breeding programs around Morocco. The barley project will partially fund 2 barley breeders for this trip and so we invite the breeding companies to submit their nominations for their breeders to join this tour.

Read about the breeders experience in 2015 on the CAIGE website :- [Events >> ICARDA tours >> ICARDA visit 2015](#)

CAIGE Annual Meeting 2016

The next Annual CAIGE meeting will be held on 10th March 2016 in Adelaide (morning session). The agenda for the meeting is still being drawn up, and if you would like to make a presentation during the meeting, kindly contact the CAIGE coordinator (Sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au).

