

CAIGE Project Newsletter

September 2013



Important Events coming up

- ⇒ 2nd October – PBI Narrabri Field Day
- ⇒ 8th October – WCR Gatton Field Day
- ⇒ 13th – 18th October CAIGE Yield Trials Tour
- ⇒ PBA Inaugural Pulse Conference (Adelaide, Aust) 20th -23rd October 2013
- ⇒ March'14 – CIMMYT visit
- ⇒ April'14 – ICARDA visit

CLICK HERE FOR [More important dates on CAIGE website](#)

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Dear CAIGE colleagues,

Welcome to the September CAIGE newsletter.

September has been a busy month for the CAIGE management team with a couple of important activities taking place.

The first activity was the 1st CAIGE-Barley meeting held in Melbourne in early September in conjunction with the Barley Technical Symposium. The attendance and participation at the meeting were very encouraging and we thank all who attended and also volunteered to take part in the CAIGE-Barley project.

Another upcoming activity which has kept the project coordinator very busy these past few weeks is the CAIGE Yield Trials tour. The itinerary has now been finalised and you will find more information about the tour in this newsletter.

The newsletter will not be issued next month due to the multiple activities being held in October. The CAIGE newsletter will be back in November.

In the meantime, enjoy reading 😊

Best regards
Sandra Micallef
Coordinator and Data Administrator, CAIGE project

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1st CAIGE-BARLEY ANNUAL MEETING

The first Barley CAIGE meeting was held on the 8th September at the Sofitel in Melbourne. Thank you to all who attended the meeting and contributed to the discussions on the day.

The meeting started with Dr Omid Ansari from GRDC giving a brief background of the CAIGE project concept. The project leader Dr Mark Dieters gave details about the importation and evaluation processes, for the barley germplasm which will be imported from ICARDA (International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas). A list of the material which will be imported this year, can be found on the CAIGE website [HERE](#).

Also speaking at the meeting was Dr Michael Baum, Director of ICARDA's Biodiversity and Integrated Gene Management Program, who spoke about ICARDA's research activities and how Australia can benefit from this collaboration.

Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the CAIGE website.

Below is a group photo taken after the meeting.

L-R : Mark Dieters, Omid Ansari, Reg Lance, Sandra Micallef, Michael Baum, Glen Fox, Andrew Milgate, Greg Grimes, David Tabah and Kenneth Street. (missing from the group photo are Jason Eglinton and David Moody)



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CAIGE-WHEAT YIELD TRIALS & TOUR 2013

The CAIGE Yield Trials Tour has now been finalised and we are all looking forward to visiting the trials in the field (but not to the hectic schedule!!).

We will be visiting all the trials sites, around Australia with representatives from CIMMYT, ICARDA and GRDC. We encourage anyone who would like to join us on this trip, to come along and have a look at the CAIGE material in the field and interact with the CIMMYT and ICARDA breeders.

Thank you to those breeders who have already asked to join us on particular days during the tour.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us for any part of the tour (even if it is for one day).

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Day	Itinerary
Sunday 13th October 2013	Start of CAIGE tour 4.30pm Fly SYDNEY to NARRABRI Overnight in Narrabri (Bellview Motel)
Monday 14th October 2013	Visit Edgeroi CAIGE trial (morning) (AGT) Visit Narrabri CAIGE trial (afternoon) (Usyd) Fly to Sydney (1845 - 2005) Overnight in Sydney (IBIS hotel)
Tuesday 15th October 2013	Fly Sydney to Wagga Visit Junee CAIGE Trial (morning) (LPB) After Lunch Drive to Canberra STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING @ GRDC HQ Overnight in Canberra (Best Western Monaro)
Wednesday 16th October 2013	Fly Canberra to Adelaide (0600- 0725) Visit Roseworthy CAIGE trial (morning) (AGT) Visit Balaklava CAIGE trial (afternoon) (LPB) Overnight in Adelaide (Best Western Ensenada)
Thursday 17th October 2013	Fly Adelaide to Perth (0645 - 0745) Drive to Mukinbudin (4hrs) Visit Mukinbudin CAIGE trial (early afternoon) (Intergrain) Drive towards Toodyay Overnight in Toodyay (Victoria Hotel)
Friday 18th October 2013	Visit Toodyay trial (EdStar Genetics) Drive back to Perth (~1.5hrs drive) Fly Perth to Sydney (1335 - 2040) Overnight in Sydney (for overseas travellers)



CAIGE Steering Committee Meeting

The next CAIGE Steering Committee Meeting will be held during the Yield Trials Tour on Tuesday 15th October, at the GRDC offices in Canberra.

Michael Quinn, who was appointed as a breeders' representative, will be attending this meeting as well. If you have any concerns or questions you would like to put forward to the committee, please contact either the coordinator (sandra.micallef@sydney.edu.au) or Michael Quinn (MQuinn@longreachpb.com.au).

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WHEAT BREEDERS VISIT TO CIMMYT IN 2014

As reported in last month's newsletter, in 2014 we will be visiting CIMMYT's Borlaug Station in Obregon, between the 23rd and 29th March

Australian breeders and scientists have the opportunity to visit the breeding programs at CIMMYT, where they can interact with the local breeders and also select material from these programs to import to Australia.

The breeding companies involved in the CAIGE project, are encouraged to nominate a representative to join us on this tour, by the end of October. All other breeders, pre-breeders and scientists are also invited to join the tour, however all costs of the trip would need to be covered by their organization.

Thank you to all who have already expressed their interest in this trip.

REMINDER – if you haven't already done so, PLEASE send us your nominations by the end of this month



BARLEY BREEDERS VISIT TO ICARDA IN 2014

The CAIGE-Barley project is organising a visit to ICARDA in April 2014, to visit the breeding programs in Morocco.

Several breeders and scientists attending the CAIGE-Barley meeting earlier this month, expressed interest in this trip as it is an important step in establishing a good relationship between Australian and ICARDA breeders. GRDC is funding all travelling costs for 2 breeders. However, if the breeding companies are willing to contribute towards the trip expenses of their representative, these funds can be divided amongst more individuals joining the trip.

The breeding companies are again encouraged to nominate a representative for this trip, by the end of November.

Details are still being sorted out and we will keep you informed.



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PBI NARRABRI Field Day – 2nd October 2013

Hear the latest news from commercial breeders, local growers and University researchers and students. Coffee on arrival, tours and BBQ lunch included.

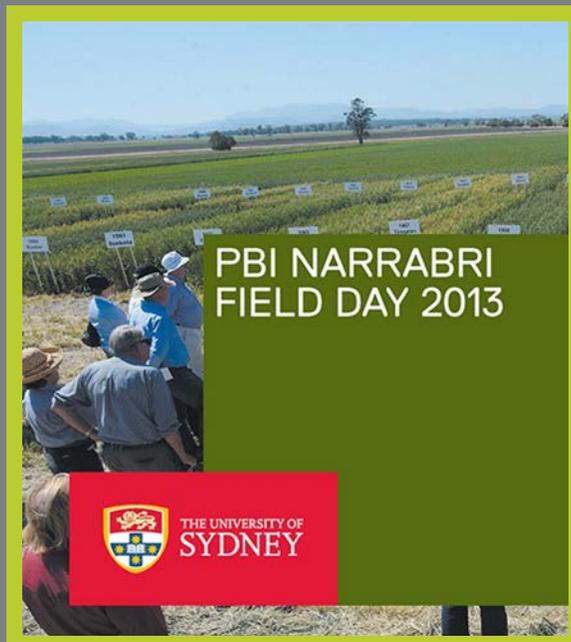
DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2013 ,
9am (for 9.30 am) – 2pm

VENUE: IA Watson Grains Research Centre
Plant Breeding Institute
Faculty of Agriculture and Environment
Newell Highway, Narrabri

COST: FREE EVENT

RSVP: Essential by 25 September

[More information on the CAIGE website](#)



Winter Cereal Research Gatton Field Day – 8th October 2013

WHEN Tuesday, 8 Oct 2013

WHERE UQ and DAFF field sites, Gatton, Queensland

TRAVEL Abus will travel from The University of Queensland (St Lucia) to Gatton, departing from Glasshouse Road at 7.30 am sharp. If you would prefer to use your own transport, please meet at Gatton McDonalds (Warrago Hwy) at 8.30 am.

COST Free, but limited seats on the bus.

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BARLEY lines to be imported in 2014

A list of the barley material to be imported later on this year from ICARDA can be found on the CAIGE website:

caigeproject.org.au/barley

INTERNATION BARLEY YIELD TRIALS

- GSBYN – Global spring barley yield nursery (\pm 25 lines)
- IBYT-HI – International barley yield trial – high input (malting varieties) (\pm 25 lines)
- IBYT-W – International barley yield trial – winter types (\pm 25 lines)

INTERNATIONAL BARLEY OBSERVATION NURSERIES:

- GSBSN – Global spring barley screening nursery (\pm 150 lines)

INTERNATIONAL BARLEY SPECIAL NURSERIES:

- INBYT-HI – International naked barley yield trial – high input (feed varieties) (\pm 25 lines)

BORLAUG 100

CIMMYT will be celebrating 100 years since the birth of Dr Norman Borlaug in March 2014. Check out the activities planned at <http://borlaug100.org>

ITEMS FOR CAIGE NEWSLETTER

If you have any news items which can be of interest to the CAIGE network, please let us know and we will include it here.

If you want to be added to the CAIGE mailing list, please send us an email :

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(*Laughter the best medicine* section is taking a break today, but will be back next issue)

PASSING OF DR PAUL BRENNAN



All the plant breeding and research community was shocked last month with the news of the sudden passing of Dr Paul Brennan.

Dr Paul Brennan spent thirty three years as a wheat breeder and held appointment as the Director of the Queensland Wheat Research Institute. Twenty three wheat varieties have been released as a result of Dr Brennan's activities. These varieties have, over an extended period, occupied between 20 and 25% of Australian wheat plantings. He is also the author of a number of scientific papers and presentations at both national and internal conferences and held appointments as director of the Sugar Research and Development Corporation and to the Northern Panel for the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Brennan family at this difficult time.