

Invitation to the ERA-PG Research Programme Status Seminar

Dear Gerco Angenent,

The ERA-PG programme is presently funding 41 projects, 29 of which were selected within the 2006 call and started after April 2007. The second call of ERA-PG has recently been concluded and a total of 14 projects have been chosen for funding. Projects started after April 2009.

As a back-to-back meeting with the 8th Plant Genomics European Meeting (Plant GEM8), and in cooperation with the CORE Organic ERA-NET, the ERA-PG Research Programme Status Seminar 2009 will take place on 5 and 6 October in Lisbon (Portugal). There will be a kick-off session for the projects of the 2nd call on Monday October 5th, from 12:00 until 18:00 and a progress-report session for the projects of the 1st call on Tuesday October 6th from 9:30 until 18:00. Furthermore, this Seminar will include two genomics-related research projects of the CORE Organic Research Programme. The venue will be the same as for Plant GEM8 that will be held from 7th until 10th October, at the Rectory of the New University, Campus de Campolide, Lisbon. For travel information and a list of hotels near the congress venue see the Plant GEM website www.plant-gems.org.

Like for the Grant holders meeting held in October 2007 in Tenerife, the objective of the Status Seminar 2009 is to offer a forum for the research consortia to present the different research plans in a coherent way to a broad audience and to create a meeting point for scientists from academia and industry who are involved in the projects. In line with the ambition of creating a European Research Area in plant genomics we aim to stimulate the interaction between the different stakeholders within the network and to explore possibilities to extend it. Next to the brief oral presentations there will be an opportunity for a poster presentation to discuss the work-plan in more detail.

We kindly invite your consortium to participate in the Status Seminar with at least one and at maximum four people. You are kindly requested to **pass on this invitation to your consortium partners**.

For the progress-report session, each consortium is asked to give a status update of the project in a short presentation including the focus points mentioned below (15 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions). Furthermore, each consortium may present one or more posters. We ask you to let us know by reply mail to office@erapg.org who from your consortium will attend the seminar and who will give the presentation. Furthermore, let us know if your consortium will bring posters. If so, then please send us the titles, authors and presenting author for each poster.

Registration for the meeting is free of charge; however, because the meeting room has a maximum capacity and because the catering needs to know the number of participants, registration is obligatory. We therefore ask **each participant** to fill out the attached **registration form** and send it back to the ERA-PG office **before 31 July**.

The abstract and contact details of your project will be used for dissemination in a Research Programme Book. You will receive a separate mail to check and update the information.

We look forward to meeting you in Lisbon.

Best regards,

Christine Bunthof and Brenda van der Zee, NWO / NGI on behalf of the ERA-NET Plant Genomics
Catarina Resende, on behalf of the Portuguese Foundations for Science and Technology (FCT)



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Presentation of the projects with experience from the participants.

Focus on

- a) original hypotheses and/or research plan;
- b) main results so far;
- c) new research ideas and their potential impact for the sector;
- d) experience with transnational research, added value, bottlenecks, and perspectives.

Contact:

For your registration please contact the ERA-PG Office: Brenda van der Zee, assistant to the coordinator ERA-NET Plant Genomics, phone +31 317 482138, email office@erapg.org

If you have questions regarding the seminar programme or location please contact: Catarina Resende, European Project Manager, FCT, phone +351 21 3924456, email catarina.resende@fct.mctes.pt

For updated information on the Seminar Programme, more information on ERA-NET Plant Genomics and its Research Programme please visit: www.erapg.org

For more information on the CORE Organic ERA-NET please visit: www.coreorganic.org.

For more information on the Plant Genomics European Meeting (Plant GEM8) please visit the conference website: www.plant-gems.org.



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