



Postgraduate course

Participatory Plant Breeding & Resilient Seed Systems

Sunday 16 – Friday 21 August 2020

Conference Centre De Werelt, Lunteren, the Netherlands



SCOPE OF THE COURSE

The central theme of this course is the development of resilient seed systems (RSS) with participatory breeding programs (PPB) that are responsive to the needs of farmers and society as a whole. The focus is on longer-term solutions for sustainable, agro-ecological agriculture in the broad sense, departing from the underlying question: how to move food systems forward in the South and the North?

Key aspects of this course include:

- Concepts, strategies, methods and experiences with decentralised and participatory approaches to plant breeding and seed system development to increase agrobiodiversity and cope with climate changes
- Governance issues such as seed quality control, property rights, co-ownership and benefit sharing
- Specific approaches for different crop types and socio-economic contexts
- Multi-actor approaches, collaborative learning, knowledge sharing and networking approaches to engage food system and value chain actors into participatory plant breeding and resilient seed system programs
- The interaction of technical solutions and social choices: considering trade-offs and issues of inclusion/social equity and other values.

COURSE SET-UP

The course is composed of a series of lectures/presentations followed by guided discussions in the mornings, working group activities in the afternoons, and poster sessions at start and finish. On Wednesday a field excursion will be organised.

COURSE LECTURERS

Currently confirmed lecturers, a.o.:

- Conny Almekinders (Wageningen University, NL)
- Riccardo Bocci (Rete Semi Rurali, Italy)
- Salvatore Ceccarelli (Rete Semi Rurali, Italy)
- Veronique Chable (INRA-Rennes, France)
- Edith Lammerts van Bueren (Wageningen University, NL)
- Margret McEwan (OFSP - Africa, RTB)
- Monica Messmer (FiBL -Switzerland, Liveseed)
- Baloua Nebie (ICRISAT - Burkino Faso/Mali)
- Bert Visser (Oxfam Novib, Germany)
- Eva Weltzien (University of Wisconsin - USA, Mali)
- Martha Willcox (Cimmyt, Mexico)

COURSE FEES ¹

	Early-bird fee ²	Regular fee ²
a) PE&RC / EPS / WASS PhDs with TSP b) GAFF / Diniversity / Liveseed participants	€ 350,-	€ 400,-
a) All other PhD candidates b) Postdocs and staff of the above mentioned Graduate schools	€ 750,-	€ 800,-
All others	€ 1.100,-	€ 1.150,-

¹ Includes accommodation, all meals, coffee/tea/water, and course materials. It does not include beverages in the bar

² Early-bird fee applies to anyone who registers ON OR BEFORE 15 JUNE 2020.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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