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Monday, October 26, 2015

9:00 – 16:00	Mid-term Review: ESRs, PSC team and Sam Zeeman
17:00 onwards	Individual arrival ESRs and PSC team at the Boldern
18:00	Joint dinner
19:30 -	Mentoring Workshop with Michele Garfinkel, Science Policy Program of EMBO

Tuesday, October 27

8:00	Breakfast; Arrival of PIs, APs
8:45 – 13:00	<p>PhD Retreat Session 1: Maintaining plant production through the advanced use of technologies. Moderation: <i>Eduardo Pérez, ETHZ.</i> (incl 30 min. coffee break): 25 minutes each: 10 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion</p> <p><i>Evaluating the potential of apomixis for sustainable agriculture and food security.</i> Margarida Sofia Nobre</p> <p><i>Arabidopsis guard cell carbon metabolism in response to drought stress.</i> Arianna Nigro</p> <p><i>Developing starch diversity in the orphan crop tef.</i> Wuyan Wang</p> <p><i>Engineering durable resistance to viral diseases in cassava for sustainable industrial production in Southern Africa.</i> Devang Mehta</p> <p><i>Growth and bioactive properties of native potatoes under drought stress.</i> Guillaume Lacavé</p>

	<p><i>Molecular breeding strategies to control pollination for improved forage and turf grass breeding.</i> Timothy Sykes</p> <p><i>siRomics for universal diagnostics of plant viral disease and virus diversity studies.</i> Silvia Turco</p> <p><i>Using epigenetics to help improve plant breeding in organic farming.</i> Michael Thieme</p> <p><i>The use of PGPRs and mycorrhizae as biofertilizers on marginal land in India.</i> Lukas Schütz</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:05	<p>PhD Retreat Session 2 Ensuring sustainable land use and environmental protection. Moderation: Andreas Lüscher, Agroscope 10 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion:</p> <p><i>Seasonal effects of drought on the productivity and fodder quality of temperate grassland species.</i> Claudia Hahn</p> <p><i>Recent biodiversity changes in managed grasslands in the Swiss mountains.</i> Constantin Pöll</p> <p><i>Sensible Consumerism for Environmental Sustainability.</i> Lisa King</p> <p><i>Modelling alternative agroforestry scenarios to improve sustainable land use.</i> Charlotte Pavageau</p> <p><i>Diversity and primary productivity in subtropical forests – fixing carbon to mitigate climate change.</i> Yuanyuan Huang</p>
16:15 – 18:15	<p>Workshop: Strengthening the effective engagement of researchers with the public policy process for PIs, APs and ESRs</p> <p>Input talks (10 min. each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel Plant Breeding Methods: Where are we in the policy process? Where would we like to be? <i>Bruno Studer</i> • Biodiversity Strategy: Where are we in the policy process? Where would we like to be? <i>Bernhard Schmid</i> <p>Moderated discussion. Moderation: <i>Dr. Antonietta Di Giulio</i></p>

18:30 – 19:30	Dinner	
19:30 -	APs, PIs: Supervisory Board Meeting	Fellows: Social Event

Wednesday, October 28

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	APs, PIs: Departure or bilateral meetings
9:00 – 13:00	ESRs: Green Business Workshop: Details tba
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Departure or time for Individual Thesis Committee meetings

Contents:

Mid-term Review: details see separate document (PIs and ESRs)

PhD Retreat

All ESRs present and discuss project plans of their PhD projects together with all supervisors, APs and peers in the light of the interface of science and policy-making. The expertise of the APs will play a pivotal role.

Workshop: Strengthening the effective engagement of researchers with the public policy process:

Open to all participants of the meeting with special focus on input from associated partners.

Aim: Sharing experiences, ideas and visions about mentoring for strengthening the effective engagement of researchers with the public policy process. The ultimate aim of the workshop is a Position Paper about Mentoring for an impactful Science-Policy dialogue.

Structure: The workshop will be structured as a moderated discussion, in which emphasis is laid on exchange of experiences from all participants: Supervisors from their varied scientific background with different levels of involvement with policymakers or practitioners, Early Stage Researchers with their experiences from secondments and courses, and most of all, Associate Partners with their varied background within policy institutions, NGOs or research organisations and experience in their involvement in the program.

The discussion will focus around these questions:

- How should/can plant scientists currently contribute to a Science and Policy dialogue? (Topics, objectives, use cases)
- How can a positive/successful Science and Policy dialogue happen? (success factors, barriers)

- How can mentoring and training at the Science-Policy Interface be successful? (experiences and lessons learnt about success factors and barriers)
- What do we need in the training for a successful dialogue?
- The role of the fellow scientists, scientific supervisors and partners from the practise (research stations, government, NGOs)? (success factors and barriers in the programme, improvements, lessons learnt)

Supervisory Board Meeting

Strategic objectives of the program are discussed among PIs and Associated Partners.

Green Business Workshop

Facilitator: venturelab, Stefan Steiner

Individual Thesis Committee meetings

Every ESR organises his/her thesis committee meeting individually. Please make sure that your thesis committee meeting takes place at the latest on October 30; any earlier date is possible. If you have your meeting on the 28th, rooms for this at the Boldern can be organised, but for this, please contact us as early as possible. Alternatively you may organise your meeting in your institute. Attendance of Associate Partners via Skype is possible. Please let us know the planned date.