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Project acronym: IDP BRIDGES

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Project full title: IDP Bridging Plant Science and Policy

Monday, October 27, 2014

Morning	Time for Individual Thesis Committee meetings , time and location to be organised individually
Afternoon	Individual arrival ESRs and PSC team at the Boldern
19:00	Joint dinner
20:00 -	Mentoring Workshop with Gunter Festel and Regina Ammann

Tuesday, October 28

8:00	Breakfast; Arrival of PIs, APs
9:00 – 13:00	<p>PhD Retreat Session 1: Lead Prof. Ansgar Kahmen/ Ensuring sustainable land use and environmental protection (incl 15 min. Coffee break.) 15 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion:</p> <p><i>Seasonal effects of drought on the productivity and fodder quality of temperate grassland species. Claudia Hahn</i></p> <p><i>Recent biodiversity changes in managed grasslands in the Swiss mountains. Constantin Pöll</i></p> <p><i>Sensible Consumerism for Environmental Sustainability. Lisa King</i></p> <p><i>Modelling alternative agroforestry scenarios to improve sustainable land use. Charlotte Pavageau</i></p>

	<i>Diversity and primary productivity in subtropical forests – fixing carbon to mitigate climate change. Yuanyuan Huang</i>
12:00	<p>PhD Retreat Session 2: Lead Prof. Samuel Zeeman / Maintaining plant production through the advanced use of technologies</p> <p><i>The use of PGPRs and mycorrhizae as biofertilizers on marginal land in India. Lukas Schütz</i></p> <p><i>Using epigenetics to help improve plant breeding in organic farming. Michael Thieme</i></p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	<p>PhD Retreat Session 2 continued: Lead Prof. Samuel Zeeman / Maintaining plant production through the advanced use of technologies</p> <p>(incl 15min. coffee break): 15 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion</p> <p><i>siRomics for universal diagnostics of plant viral disease and virus diversity studies. Silvia Turco</i></p> <p><i>Growth and bioactive properties of native potatoes under drought stress. Guillaume Lacavé</i></p> <p><i>Engineering durable resistance to viral diseases in cassava for sustainable industrial production in Southern Africa. Devang Mehta</i></p> <p><i>Developing starch diversity in the orphan crop tef. Wuyan Wang</i></p> <p><i>Arabidopsis guard cell carbon metabolism in response to drought stress. Arianna Nigro</i></p> <p><i>Evaluating the potential of apomixis for sustainable agriculture and food security. Margarida Sofia Nobre</i></p> <p><i>Molecular breeding strategies to control pollination for improved forage and turf grass breeding. Timothy Sykes</i></p>
18:15 – 21:30	Dinner and Social Event

Wednesday, October 29

8:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 13:00	<p>APs, PIs: Supervisory Board Meeting</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00: Presentation Round of Participants</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00: Report from PSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management • Analysis of: Training, Supervision and mentoring, Long-term career objectives, Communication and Dissemination at the science-policy interface • Discussion: Are there identified gaps in training, communication, supervision that need actions? <p>11:00 – 12:00: Presentation and Discussion of IDP BRIDGES long-term impact log frame</p> <p>12:00 – 13:00: Outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015: Milestones and next steps • 2016 – 2017: Suggestions for Program Synthesis
9:00 – 13:00	<p>ESRs: Workshop on Impact Analysis <i>with Beno Baumberger</i> <i>Mercator Foundation Switzerland</i></p> <p>Details tba</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Departure or time for Individual Thesis Committee meetings

Contents:

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 29th, rooms for this at the Boldern can be organised, but for this, please contact Andrea Pfisterer 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.

Mentoring Workshop

IDP BRIDGES offers the opportunity for targeted mentoring. IDP BRIDGES Angels is a network of mentors experienced at the interfaces science-policy and science-innovation. From the IDP BRIDGES mentors, **Gunter Festel** and **Regina Ammann** will join the meeting.

Content:

- (1) Introduction to the mentoring program
- (2) Two of our mentors present themselves
- (3) Group Mentoring 1: Skills for the Science-Policy Interface (Gunter Festel)

(4) Group Mentoring 2: Skills for the Industry-Policy Interface (Regina Ammann)

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. Networking among peers and access to the expertise of the APs will play a pivotal role. Some of the questions that the ESRs will work with during their presentations are:

- Presentation of originality and innovation of the project
- Transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the project (how does the research profit from the multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary approach?)
- Scientific objectives and research plan
- Planned transfer of results and collaboration with the policy-implementing organisation

Format: 15 minutes presentation and 15 minutes discussion each. Please bring your presentation on a USB stick in ppt or pdf format or send it beforehand to andreaapf@etzh.ch

Supervisory Board Meeting

Strategic objectives of the program are discussed among PIs, Associated Partners, invited experts and mentors.

Workshop on Impact Analysis

Facilitator: Beno Baumberger Mercator Foundation Switzerland

How can you measure the impact of research results for policy-implementing organization or public? This workshop will be tailored to the ESRs needs.