



Press Release



Sixth AgMIP Global Workshop June 28 - 30, 2016 - Montpellier France

The Agricultural Modeling Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP) is holding its Sixth AgMIP Global Workshop at Le Corum in Montpellier France June 28 – 30, 2016. AgMIP was founded in 2010 with the goal of building a worldwide community of agricultural modelers and stakeholders committed to improving agricultural assessments for the years ahead and to inform decision makers implementing sustainable agricultural systems and food security policy.

Over 220 contributors from 41 countries with expertise in climate, crop, livestock, and economic modeling, nutrition metrics and stakeholder engagement will convene for keynote addresses, panel discussions, oral and poster presentations, and workgroup planning sessions focused on improved assessments of regional and global food security.

Bernard Hubert, President Agropolis International, Alain Vidal, CGIAR Senior Advisor for Capacity Development and Partnerships, Patrick Caron, CIRAD Deputy Director General of Research and Strategy and François Houllier, INRA President Director General, as co-organizing partners with AgMIP International Coordination Team, will open the meeting and welcome the participants to Montpellier.

On Tuesday, Mark Rosegrant, Director of the Environment and Technology Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington D.C. will give the first keynote with a panel session on Coordinated Global and Regional Assessments – linkages between international climate, markets, food policy and regional adaptation planning, including nutritional quality in crop production. Later that day, Amy Sullivan, Co-lead AgMIP Stakeholder Unit and Regional Consultant, will share insights on Co-Developed Research with Stakeholders – a method of engagement and participatory research that links scenarios and plausible adaptations to research directions and decision frameworks.

On Wednesday, Patricia Masikati, Systems Scientist, Eastern Zambia and Southern Africa, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), will give a keynote as part of a panel on Modeling for Sustainable Farming Systems – an approach to assess agricultural systems in a changing climate, including testing innovations and informing national adaptation planning. Molly Jahn, Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will then address Next-generation Tools and Open Data – open, discoverable, and harmonized data, model improvement, and online tools to improve awareness and access to research results.

Wednesday will close with a special panel discussion on Multi-National Collaborative Frameworks to enable Coordinated Global and Regional Assessments of food security. Jean-François Soussana, Scientific Director for Environment at INRA, Paris, will facilitate this session.

Thursday, will feature opportunities for all participants to work in small groups for research planning sessions. Regional and global research groups will consider and advance planning for contributions to national assessments in the context of global impacts, shocks, and trends. They will then regroup to plan research activities for cross-cutting themes.

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