

ELN-FAB European Seminar Applying functional agrobiodiversity in the Mediterranean

14 & 15 June 2012, Avignon, France

Invitation

We are delighted to invite you to the ELN-FAB European seminar on applying functional agrobiodiversity in the Mediterranean. This event provides a unique opportunity for all those interested in functional agrobiodiversity to share knowledge and experiences and create new partnerships. It aims at stimulating the uptake of functional agrobiodiversity throughout the Mediterranean region as a contribution to sustainable agriculture.



The European Learning Network on Functional AgroBiodiversity (ELN-FAB) aims to provide a platform for farmers, policymakers and scientists in Europe and to accumulate knowledge on how biodiversity can be mobilized to increase sustainable agricultural production.

This ELN-FAB seminar is the latest in a series of annual seminars that bring together people from all over Europe to collect and exchange experiences about functional agrobiodiversity.

This year, the ELN-FAB European Seminar will be held on 14 & 15 June. It is organized by ECNC in cooperation with DIVERSITAS and the Groupe de Recherche en Agriculture Biologique (GRAB), and hosted by INRA in Avignon, France.

The seminar will include presentations and a field trip. There will be a special focus on issues, problems and solutions related to the Mediterranean region and region-specific crops.

This seminar will also offer an interactive FAB marketplace for all participants to share knowledge and experiences on FAB. Whether you are a scientist, a practitioner, a business person, a policymaker or any other stakeholder, you may have scientific results, experience with real-life practice, a specific product, a policy need or other relevant information to share with other partners in the network and at the seminar. We invite you to use the occasion to very briefly (3-5 minutes) present an item to all participants. You may use a short PowerPoint presentation for this (max. 3 slides), hold a short verbal presentation, or demonstrate something on stage. Use your imagination! After these snapshot presentations ('FAB in a flash') you will have the opportunity to meet the other participants, exchange knowledge, papers, business cards, leaflets, make appointments or agree cooperation during a free roaming session. Please feel free to bring hand-outs, posters and other materials with you for distribution or display during the marketplace.

Participation in the seminar is free of charge (including programme, coffee and tea, lunches, dinner and excursion), but limited to a maximum of 80 people. Make sure to reserve your seat by registering by 5 June. Participants are asked to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. The seminar will be held in English.

If you require any further information, visit www.eln-fab.eu or contact Veronika Mikos by email at mikos@ecnc.org or phone +31 (0)13 5 944 944.

We look forward to welcoming you to the European Seminar on ELN-FAB in France!