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my comments below.

scott

> On Sep 4, 2015, at 3:07 PM, Tom Stalker <tom\_stalker@ncsu.edu> wrote:

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> Everyone,

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> Attached is a first draft of the AAGB program. Most of the papers are marker assisted selection and the program doesn't follow the categories that we have had in the past. There are few or no germplasm, pathology, entomology, food quality attendees. Everyone who requested an oral presentation is on the program and there will be about 23 posters. I do not have all of the abstracts in yet.

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> A few questions:

> 1) Do we need to plan a formal PGI meeting?

Not sure. Since so many will be missing, we would have to coordinate with people in the US and elsewhere. We could ask the team where we still need information (Mchelmore & Schmutz) for powerpoint/written updates and just discuss with the PGI members present at meeting.

> 2) The program starts at 8:30 am. and ends at 5 pm each day. Should we start at 8:00 and end earlier?

I think is 830 is fine.

> 3) I need you to look at the list of chairs for sessions. I emailed Rajeev Varshney and Mandesh Pandey, but no one else.

looks fine to me.

> 4) Chairs for the break-out sessions need to be asked to serve on the Strategic Planning committee.

> 5) There is no "formal" time for poster viewing, but breaks will be 35 min and lunch 1 1/2 hours, which should give everyone enough time to look at them.

How many posters do we expect?

> 6) Are the registration and poster set-up times on Wednesday OK?

> 7) The opening session needs some work. Who will make introductions, open the meeting, be recognized, etc.??

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> It appears as though there is going to be about 50-60 international people at the meeting and I don't know how many from Australia. Rather than put abstracts on a thumb drive, what do you think about printing the program with all the abstracts included?

I'm fine either way. Happy with electronic, but since there are so few than printing is fine.

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> Please look over the program and make suggestions regarding order, time, chairs, PGI meeting, etc. and send me an email so I can make corrections.

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> Thanks,

> Tom S.

> <AAGB -2015 program 9-4 - 15.xlsx>