

**From:** [Scott Allen Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Jeffrey Ehlers](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Genomics Enabled Crops Breeding  
**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:19:34 PM

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No problem, Jeff. These are good ideas. Do you want me to forward them, or will you?  
scott

On Oct 16, 2014, at 5:40 PM, Jeffrey Ehlers <[Jeff.Ehlers@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:Jeff.Ehlers@gatesfoundation.org)> wrote:

Hi Scott,  
Hope you don't mind me using you as a filter for ideas and suggestions to the broader Organizing Committee. I reached out to Katherine Kahn here for invitee suggestions around the topic of translation of genomics/modern breeding to developing country folks and she mentioned a Nasser Yao at BecA, so I've added his contact below – I do not know him personally, but understand he will be mentoring multiple NARS breeders. Kathy mentioned that the BecA Director, Appolinaire Djikeng, appreciated meeting Susan and Ed last month and they are following up on building closer ties, so Nasser would be a good choice also if there is interest in strengthening ties between the developed and developing worlds.

Thanks,  
Jeff

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**From:** Jeffrey Ehlers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:54 AM  
**To:** Katherine Kahn; Jim Lorenzen; Gary Atlin; Christina Owen  
**Subject:** Genomics Enabled Crops Breeding

Hi Kathy, Jim, Gary, Christina,  
Scott Jackson and others (Jeremy Schmutz; Peggy Ozias-Akins; Robert Stupar; Jesse Poland; Tom Mockler; Hannes Dempewolf; Jean-Marcel Ribaut; Loren Rieseberg; Esther Vanderknaap; Elizabeth Newton; Michele Dunn) are organizing a conference on Genomics Enabled Crop Breeding at the Hudson-Alpha Institute <http://www.hudsonalpha.org/crops/> May 18-21,2015. I am sure all of you would be welcome to participate. Seems most of the key folks we work with will be there (Ed Buckler, Susan McCouch, Rebecca Nelson, etc).

They are planning a ½ day session on applying genomics tools in developing countries. I think Jean-Marcel and Rajeev will be part of this, and Steve Rounsley. I've been asked to provide some names for potential speakers from the developing world and I mentioned Demarius Odeny (ICRISAT) as a possibility. I thought you folks might have some additional ideas for speakers. The organizers are also hopeful of raising funds from the private sector to support developing country scientist participation. Any ideas

on how we might be able to help with the student sponsorship?

Thanks,

Jeff

- A potential sponsor tab has been added to the google document at [https://docs.google.com/a/udsonalpha.org/spreadsheets/d/1ODIRN7QEHYFSuDg\\_r2cXscqckHiFNs-qvjaEblNV-3U/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/a/udsonalpha.org/spreadsheets/d/1ODIRN7QEHYFSuDg_r2cXscqckHiFNs-qvjaEblNV-3U/edit#gid=0) Add names of potential sponsors to this list and as much contact information as possible. Also please show who will be contacting the sponsor.
- A save the date flyer and a powerpoint slide will be sent to the organizers next week that may be used to promote Crops at upcoming events.
- For the next few months communication to the committee will be via email or personal communications instead of scheduled meetings. We will schedule calls as needed closer to conference time.
- A conference agenda draft will be sent to you within the next couple of weeks.
- To view the start of the Crops conference website visit <http://www.udsonalpha.org/crops/>.

Best regards,

Deborah

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