

**From:** [Scott Allen Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Jeremy Schmutz](#)  
**Cc:** [Deborah Powell](#); [Peggy Ozias-Akins](#); [Michele Dunn](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Update on the invitations for Crops  
**Date:** Monday, December 01, 2014 6:01:58 PM

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Yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2014, at 6:58 AM, Jeremy Schmutz <[jschmutz@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:jschmutz@hudsonalpha.org)> wrote:

I think so- it seems like it would be a great program. Scott & peggy?

On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 4:00 PM, Deborah Powell <[dpowell@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:dpowell@hudsonalpha.org)> wrote:  
Should I go ahead and invite the speakers that Jean-Marcel recommended?

**Invitations will be sent to:**

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|--------------------|---------|--|---|
| Ismail Abdelbag    | IRRI    | <a href="mailto:abdelbagi.ismail@CGIAR.org">abdelbagi.ismail@CGIAR.org</a>       | Salt Tolerance in rice story  |
| Jurandir Magalhaes | EMBRAPA | <a href="mailto:jurandir.magalhaes@embrapa.br">jurandir.magalhaes@embrapa.br</a> | Aluminium tolerance in Sorghum private sector breeding approaches to boost breeding in developing countries |
| Mark Cooper        |         | <a href="mailto:mark.cooper@pioneer.com">mark.cooper@pioneer.com</a>             |   |
| Egesi Chiedozie    | NRCRI   | <a href="mailto:cegesi@yahoo.com">cegesi@yahoo.com</a>                           | cassava breeding in Nigeria   |

Thanks,  
Deborah

Deborah Powell | Conference Manager  
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On Dec 1, 2014, at 10:33 AM, Deborah Powell wrote:

Scott,

I you all agree, I can go ahead and invite the speakers that Jean-Marcel suggested and still make the budget work. He is only suggesting 4 new ones and we have had 3 to decline to date. Attached is the working speaker list.

<CropSpeaker Selections .xlsx>

I have had no responses to the invitation from the people listed below (2 are organizers). If you know any of these people and could give them a push that would help. I can send them a reminder email invite today.

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| <a href="#">Gary Atlin</a>            | BMGF  |
| <a href="#">Gerardine Mukeshimana</a> | Minister of Ag and Animal resources, Rwanda |
| <a href="#">Susan McCouch</a>         | Cornell U.                                  |
| <a href="#">Ana Caicedo</a>           | Umass                                       |
| <a href="#">John Burke</a>            | University of                               |

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|              | Victoria                         |
| Lijuan Qiu   | Chinese Acad<br>Agricultural Sci |
| Sean Cutler  | UCR                              |
| Ed Buckler   | Cornell U.                       |
| Jesse Poland | Kansas State                     |
| Todd Mockler | Danforth                         |

Attached is the agenda with the changes Jean-Marcel suggested for Thursday. On the speaker list (tab 2) we need to start identifying which speakers that have accepted will go into which slots.

<CROPS 2015 agenda with speaker nominations.xlsx>

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Scott Allen Jackson <[sjackson@uga.edu](mailto:sjackson@uga.edu)>  
**Subject: Re: Update on the invitations for Crops**  
**Date:** December 1, 2014 3:20:35 AM CST  
**To:** "RIBAUT, Jean-Marcel (GCP)" <[J.RIBAUT@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:J.RIBAUT@CGIAR.ORG)>  
**Cc:** Peggy Ozias-Akins <[pozias@uga.edu](mailto:pozias@uga.edu)>, Jeremy Schmutz <[jschmutz@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:jschmutz@hudsonalpha.org)>, rajeev varshney <[R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG)>, "Deborah Powell" <[dpowell@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:dpowell@hudsonalpha.org)>, "Ehlers, Jeff (GCP)" <[Jeff.Ehlers@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:Jeff.Ehlers@gatesfoundation.org)>

This all looks good to me. Thanks for the effort you guys put into it.

Deborah/Jeremy, what do we need to do as far as invitations for these new invitees (especially those during the first 2 days). Also, what does this do to our budget?

Jeff, you had indicated that you were going to check to see if there was any BMGF support for international participants. DID you ever find out?

Thanks all!

scott

On Nov 30, 2014, at 5:09 AM, RIBAUT, Jean-Marcel (GCP) <[J.RIBAUT@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:J.RIBAUT@CGIAR.ORG)> wrote:

Dear Scott

As agreed with the Organizing Committee, outstanding scientists from developing countries should also be plenary speakers for scientific sessions that are going to take place **during the first 2 days of the congress**. In that context we would like to strongly support the following speakers:

1. Ismail Abdelbagi (IRRI, [abdelbagi.ismail@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:abdelbagi.ismail@CGIAR.ORG)): salt tolerance in rice story
2. Dario Grattapaglia (already invited)
3. Jurandir Magalhaes (EMBRAPA, [jurandir.magalhaes@embrapa.br](mailto:jurandir.magalhaes@embrapa.br)): Aluminium tolerance in Sorghum
4. Rajeev Varshney (already invited)
5. Qifa Zhang (already invited)

**For the Thursday session (developing world)**

We would like to push the coffee break to 10:30 to have 2h (8:30-10:30) for 5 plenary presentations:

*3 Thematic presentations:*

Susan Mc Couch (already invited): 25 minutes, Accessing broad genetic diversity to boost crop productivity in developing countries

Mark Cooper ([mark.cooper@pioneer.com](mailto:mark.cooper@pioneer.com)): 25 minutes, Challenges and opportunities to apply private sector breeding approaches to boost breeding in developing countries

Jean-Marcel Ribaut (already invited): 25 minutes Translational biology: lessons' learnt from a 10 year and 170 million initiative

*2 Testimonies:*

Egesi Chiedozie (NRCRI, [cegesi@yahoo.com](mailto:cegesi@yahoo.com)): 20 minutes, cassava breeding in Nigeria <http://www.generationcp.org/communications/media/feature-stories/disease-resistant-cassava-released-in-nigeria>

Damaris Odeny (already invited): 20 minutes, sorghum and finger millet in Africa (already invited)

At 11:00 after the coffee we reconvene for a round table to address the 3 same thematics addressed before coffee: accessing diversity, breeding approaches and technology transfer. We propose to invite 3-4 people (to be identified) on the top of the 5 speakers to make a brief testimony on the different themes (30 minutes total), to keep 50 minutes for general discussion, comments, questions and response on the 3 themes . We propose to keep 10 minutes at the end for each of the plenary speaker (Susan, Mark and I) to summarise and draft recommendations for each of our respective theme, based on of the outputs of the previous discussion.

Please, let us know how you feel about our plans and let me know if you have any question.

Best,

JM

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**From:** Scott Allen Jackson <[sjackson@uga.edu](mailto:sjackson@uga.edu)>

**Date:** Tuesday, November 25, 2014 10:49 AM

**To:** Deborah Powell <[dpowell@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:dpowell@hudsonalpha.org)>, "Varshney, Rajeev (ICRISAT-IN)" <[R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG)>, "Ehlers, Jeff (GCP)" <[Jeff.Ehlers@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:Jeff.Ehlers@gatesfoundation.org)>, Jean Marcel Ribaut <[J.RIBAUT@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:J.RIBAUT@CGIAR.ORG)>

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**Subject:** Re: Update on the invitations for Crops

Jean-marcel, Rajeeve and Jeff,

A few more people have accepted but here is what we have so far. look at first tab "Invite Speakers".

scott

On Nov 21, 2014, at 9:55 AM, Deborah Powell <[dpowell@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:dpowell@hudsonalpha.org)> wrote:

All,

To date we have sent 39 invitations out for speakers (two invites replaced the declines).

Currently we have 11 to accept the invitation and 3 that have declined. I requested a reply of confirmation to the invitation by Tuesday. I will ping those again on Wednesday that have not replied.

Attached is the sheet that I am working from if you would like to see the status. I will update this on google docs next week once we receive more of our confirmations.

Do any of you have the email address for Damaris Odeny? I gathered one online and it bounced and found this one but not sure it is correct.  
[dodeny@cgjar.org](mailto:dodeny@cgjar.org)

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