

International Winter Wheat Improvement Program



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PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL WINTER WHEAT TRAVELING SEMINAR

TURKEY-BULGARIA-ROMANIA, MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2011

Organized and supported by IWWIP, Trakya Agricultural Research Institute (Turkey), Agricultural Academy (Bulgaria), Institute of Plant Genetic Resources (Bulgaria), Dobrudzha Agricultural Institute (Bulgaria) and National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (Romania)

Objective: International Winter Wheat Improvement Program (IWWIP) is a joint program between Turkey Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, CIMMYT and ICARDA to develop new winter and facultative germplasm for the region of Central and West Asia (www.iwwip.org). IWWIP maintains close cooperation with the breeding programs in Asia, Eastern and Western Europe, USA and S. America. Important activity of IWWIP is facilitation of global germplasm exchange through international nurseries. The winter wheat nurseries from Turkey – FAWWON are distributed annually to around 150 cooperators in 50 countries. IWWIP conducts travelling seminar every second year to bring the cooperators together, visit breeding programs in selected countries, summarize the results and plan activities for the future. In 2007 Traveling seminar took place in Turkey, in 2009 – in Ukraine and in 2011 – planned for Bulgaria and Romania. The draft program is the following:

May 29, Sunday

Morning: arrival to Istanbul

Afternoon: departure from the airport to Edirne at 16:00 (240 km).

Overnight in Edirne. Hotel Kervansaray.

May 30, Monday

Morning: visit Trakya Agricultural Research Institute in Edirne: general presentation about wheat production in the region, institute and breeding program. Field visit: National Winter Wheat Breeding Program, IWWIP trials and seed multiplication.

Afternoon: departure to Sadovo-Plovdiv at 15:00 (180 km).

Overnight in Plovdiv.

June 1. Tuesday

Morning: visit Institute of Plant Genetic Resources in Sadovo: wheat breeding and genetic resources (<http://www.ipgrbg.com>).

Afternoon: departure to Gold Sand-Varna at 14:00 (400 km).

Overnight in Gold Sand-Varna. Hotel Iberostar Obzor.

June 2. Wednesday

Morning: Departure to General Toshevo at 08:00 (70 km). Visit Dobrudzha Agricultural Institute: winter wheat breeding and related research.
Afternoon: IWWIP and cooperators report for 2009-2010
Overnight in Gold Sand-Varna.

June 3, Thursday

Morning: IWWIP and cooperators report for 2009-2010 at the hotel
Afternoon: departure to Bucharest Romania at 14:00 (300 km),
Overnight in Bucharest, Hotel Ibis.

June 4, Friday

Morning: visit National Agricultural Research and Development Institute in Fundulea: winter wheat breeding and related research. (http://www.incda-fundulea.ro/index_en.html)
Afternoon: IWWIP traveling seminar summary discussion and conclusions.
Overnight in Bucharest.

June 5. Saturday

Departure to Istanbul, Turkey (640 km).
Overnight in Istanbul

June 6. Sunday

Departure of participants.

Participants: previous traveling seminar in Ukraine attracted 62 participants from 18 countries. 2011 traveling seminar will be limited to 45 participants – the capacity of one bus.

Funding: IWWIP will support ground transportation Turkey-Bulgaria-Romania-Turkey and lodging expenses of the participants from Central Asia and Eastern Europe who will register for the seminar. It is expected that the participants cover their flight tickets costs to and from Istanbul as well as visa cost. The participants from the developed countries are expected to cover all their expenses including lodging.

Registration: potential participants shall submit the Registration Form to s.turkylmaz@cgiar.org

Registration priority: in the case of more registrations that the capacity of the group the priority will be given to active IWWIP collaborators from Central Asia and Eastern Europe followed by active IWWIP cooperators from elsewhere on the first register – first accepted basis.