Background
We are pleased to announce the first joint ESF/Wellcome Trust conference on Crop Genomics, Trait Analysis and Breeding, which we believe may be of interest to you. The aims of the meeting are to review progress in genomics relevant to crop improvement and foster links between genomics, trait analysis, breeding systems and technology priority areas. Areas for discussion will include:

- Progress in genome analysis of the major crops
- Genome dynamics, polyploidy and domestication
- Population genomics and evolution
- Marker assisted breeding and trait analysis
- New approaches to genome sequencing, polymorphism detection and bioinformatics
- Addressing technology priorities in food and renewable resource production, sustainable agriculture and the environment

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