



European Triticeae Genomics Initiative (ETGI)

Announcement of the 1st workshop

**4th Plant GEM meeting- Amsterdam 21 September
18h30
RAI Congress Center Forum, Room M**

The first workshop of the European Triticeae Genomics Initiative will take place during the 4th Plant GEM (<http://www.plantgems.org/plantgems4/frameset.html>) meeting in Amsterdam.

The goal is to set up a network of collaboration between European scientists developing research projects on Triticeae (barley, rye and wheat) genomics. This network should serve as a platform to define strategies and develop projects for submission to national and European (e.g., FP7) funding programs, as well as to participate in international efforts that have been launched recently such as the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium. Interested representatives of laboratories, plant science European organisations, governmental entities and industry are invited to attend the meeting.

Questions to be addressed:

- What is the best method for creating synergies between the barley and wheat genomic efforts?
- What will be the added value of this network and projects for the EU? What genomic tools, resources and strategies have to be developed to address the next challenges of a knowledge-based bio-economy and build the foundation of sustainable agricultural systems?
- How do we interact with existing international initiatives to build up a state of the art research on Triticeae genomics in Europe and become major contributors of the international efforts?
- What are the next steps necessary for establishing a European network in Triticeae genomics and funding the priority scientific projects of the network?

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