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SKiM PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – 2020

The SKiM Steering Committee meeting for 2020 was held virtually on the 17th December 2020. The meeting was organised with an aim to bring together the multi-stakeholder platform to examine KM practices adopted in the year of implementation, in addition to derivate initiatives that address natural resource management, sustainable land management, conservation agriculture, livestock data, agricultural development solutions, and climate resilience issues, with the final objective of planning for future activities while incentivizing knowledge and competences exchange among them with communal institutional growth and partnership building.

The Steering committee meeting was presided over by the members from the implementation partners, the donor, and delegates from the participating countries, with the responsibility to communicate the state of development and progression toward the pre-assessed knowledge management needs and the newly identified improvable areas. The participants brought to the table a great variety of disciplines interfacing with the natural resource management, including social science, economics, information technology, engineering and more.

The meeting consisted of the following:

- Presentations with Q&A sessions by the implementing partners and stakeholders on the yearly initiatives on KM, activities, policies and practices, which can be found at the following links:
 - I. CIHEAM-Bari: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12263>
 - II. Procasur: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12218>
 - III. Virginia Tech: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12217>
 - IV. Moldovan National Focal Point: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12217>
 - V. Moroccan National Focal Point: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12260>
 - VI. Sudanese National Focal Point: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12265>
- Presentations with Q&A sessions by the SKiM Project Management Unit on the annual progress and proposed activities for 2021, which can be found at the following links:
 1. SKiM Research Fellow: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12215>
 2. SKiM Scientist: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12219>
 3. SKiM KMO: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12262>
 4. ICARDA M&E Specialist: <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12216>
- Discussion, agreement and finalization of the Plan of Work and Budget document with a presentation by the SKiM Project Coordinator which can be found at <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12261>

INRA REPORTS: A NEW COMMUNICATION ERA AT INRA, MOROCCO

SKiM project's Moroccan partner National Institute of Agronomic Research (INRA) has released its "INRA Newsletter", which is the new communication and information knowledge product. It is intended for external public and partners, and illustrates INRA's desire to communicate on its research actions, to inform about scientific reality and to interact with the various stakeholders in the sphere of agricultural research and development in Morocco.

This newsletter works to announce and preview the research results, findings, partnerships, distinctions and publications through which the editorial board tries to depict, and as closely as possible, the reality of INRA's research actions. The newsletter also combines classified ads, agenda, flash information etc. INRA's editorial board is very honored to allow you to rediscover and browse the three edited issues of the "INRA Newsletter" at <https://www.inra.org.ma/fr/content/archive-newsletters>

Happy reading!



« Advances and Trends in Biotechnology and Genetics, Vol. 1 » est un ouvrage collectif sous la direction du Dr Francesco Cruz Sosa, Professeur à l'Université Autonome Métropolitaine du Mexique. Cet ouvrage est composé de 9 chapitres qui couvrent les domaines de la biotechnologie, de la génétique et domaines connexes à savoir son Chapitre 5 à l'étude intitulée: "AVA and HANA: New Seedless Mandarin's Triploid Hybrids Selected in Morocco" de ses auteurs: Dr Hindaji Najat, Dr Bonyakou Hamid, Dr Aveliane Najat, et Dr Benaouda Hassan du CERRA Kenitra.



Book of Abstracts de la Première Conférence sur l'Agriculture organique. Marrakech, 11-12 novembre 2019



Book of Abstracts de l'Atelier sur la Cryoconservation des ressources génétiques animales. Rabat et Beni Mellal, 20-24 janvier 2020.

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Un départ à la retraite honoré à l'INRA

En l'honneur des agents INRA partis à la retraite, une cérémonie haute en couleurs leur a été organisée et ce en signe de reconnaissance pour les efforts et services loyaux rendus tout au long de leur vie professionnelle à l'Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique.

Ce moment de grande émotion a été orné par des discours de bienveillance prononcés par le Directeur de l'INRA, le Président de l'AOESPINRA, le Chef du CERRA Rabat et par le Représentant du RCAR et au terme desquels des cadeaux symboliques ont été offerts à l'ensemble des retraités qui ont été tous conviés un déjeuner de gala.






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ÉDITO

DE plus en plus, la recherche agronomique est interpellée à répondre à la demande sociale croissante en résultats de recherche pour contribuer au développement durable de notre agriculture, pour s'acquiescer de sa mission de recherche et de confirmer son rôle précurseur en tant qu'institut pourvoyeur de connaissances et d'innovations.

Pour y parvenir, nous sommes alignés aux objectifs de la nouvelle stratégie Générations Croiss 2020 -2030 (GC), par la mise en œuvre d'approches participatives associant toutes les parties prenantes et les acteurs interagissant dans la sphère de la recherche et du développement.

Consignés en Méga-projets proactifs, anticipatifs et à dimension transverse et transcendant toute la chaîne de valeur des filières de production, notre nouveau PRMT sous-tend la résolution des problèmes auxquels sont confrontés les multiples acteurs et bénéficiaires des résultats de la recherche agricole nationale.

Fidèle à notre Engagement Vers l'Excellence, nous avons continué à soutenir le développement des filières de production, à appuyer les actions de recherche, à fédérer toutes les synergies pour mieux accompagner la nouvelle stratégie (GC) malgré la survenance de la pandémie COVID-19.

L'année 2020, et à plus d'un titre, nous a été propice, en témoignage le nombre de variétés créés qui s'est élevé à huit, nombre de conventions et de mémorandums signés qui ont de l'ordre de 35, la publication par nos chercheurs de 173 articles dans les revues à comité de lecture

Gestion de la connaissance en partenariat avec ICARDA et IFAD



Le Projet SKiM ou « renforcement de la gestion des connaissances pour un grand développement effectif dans la région du Proche Orient, Afrique du Nord et Asie Central et Europe » a été initié en 2018 grâce au financement de l'IFAD (Fond International pour le Développement Agricole) et la coordination de l'ICARDA. Le projet en question s'adresse aux institutions de recherche, formation et vulgarisation de trois pays : Soudan, Maroc et Moldavie.

Au cours des trois dernières années, le projet SKiM a organisé plusieurs workshops pour échanger les expériences et proposer les bonnes pratiques en

matière de gestion des connaissances à prendre en considération par les institutions participantes.

En 2020, le comité technique national du Maroc (INRA, IAVHII, ENAM et ONCA) a soumis son plan d'action visant à mettre en place une stratégie de gestion des connaissances et le renforcement des outils existants et l'adoption d'outils à même de permettre la mise en place d'un système national de gestion des connaissances dans le domaine agricole. En outre, un projet de convention de collaboration dans l'échange et le transfert des connaissances entre les établissements d'enseignement et de recherche et du conseil agricole est en cours d'élaboration.

ONCA REPORTS: NATIONAL DAY OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR AT ONCA, MOROCCO

The 1st edition of the National Day of the Agricultural Advisor, was held this year under the theme "Agricultural advice at the service of the fatherland". The National Office of the Agricultural Advise (ONCA) held on Tuesday February 2nd 2021 at its headquarters in Rabat a recognition ceremony in honor of agricultural advisers to salute their important role as well as their considerable efforts on the ground. The objective of this event was to highlight the quality and importance of the work provided by the agricultural advisers, who have greatly contributed to the success of the Morocco Green Plan (Plan Maroc Vert), and who continued to demonstrate their commitment to the mission under the new agricultural development strategy "Green Generation 2020-2030".

With the crisis of COVID-19, the whole nation was involved in this fight against the spread of the virus. Also, the agricultural advisers were actively mobilized during various sensitizing anti-Covid campaigns organized by ONCA in the different regions of Morocco. This



occasion was also an opportunity for the Office and its collaborators to renew their deep commitment to follow

the directives of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, following the launch of the vaccination campaign against the coronavirus held on January 28, 2021 at the Royal Palace in Fez. During this ceremony, which will now be an annual tradition, ONCA presented trophies in recognition to representatives of agricultural advisers from various regions of Morocco as well as a tribute to retirees who



have accomplished an exemplary journey throughout of their careers.

PREDATORY PUBLISHERS AND JOURNALS:

Quite many of research and academic professionals receive a good number of emails from publishers offering their services and promising to publish your work with a fee, and to provide open access to your report with a renewed award. However, this may not be as good as it seems at plain sight. Publishing in such journals have a bad effect on your academic career because most of these publishers happen to be 'predatory publishers'. The ICARDA MEL team has created a guide on how to avoid falling into predatory publishers' traps. The guide provides the process performed on journal publishers by the MEL team and other CGIAR centres.

Predatory publisher, so-called PPs, sometimes called write-only publishing or deceptive publishing as per The Office of Scholarly Communication are "a growing phenomenon in the world of academic publishing. The scholarly community has recognized serious negative implications of PP. The existence of PP leads to a distortion of the published scientific literature, allowing the online existence of scientific papers that did not pass a rigorous process of peer review to warrant adequate scientific qualities. Without an adequate peer review process and limited editorial oversight, there are no mechanisms to verify the quality of the articles. Since PP materials are often available for free online, they have an unknown but surely detrimental effect on education, as well as citizen knowledge.

Find out more on how to avoid falling prey to such mechanisms through the guide by [Sara Jani, Quang Bao Le, Enrico Bonaiuti, Jacques Wery. \(27/2/2020\). Predatory Publishers and Journals: Guidelines on how to avoid them.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Online Course: The Art of Knowledge Exchange

Hosted by the World Bank Open Learning Campus, available now - course details [here](#).

IFAD Knowledge Management CoP

Want to become a member or ask a question? Please visit the [xdesk page](#) or write to IFADknowledge@ifad.org.

IFAD Rural Solutions Available in Your Country

Rural Solutions providers reachable through the IFAD online portal and officers - solutions details [here](#).

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