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To : Bioversity International, and
Agropolis International



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Re : 2009 Annual meeting TDWG « Biodiversity information standards »

Cirad welcomes warmly the initiative of TDWG to hold its 2009 annual meeting in Montpellier.

The question of development of « Biodiversity information standards » in the context of crop genetic resources for food and agriculture is a cross-cutting theme that is quite important for all managers and scientific teams working on biological and genetic resources and collections who will appreciate and use the outcomes coming from the debate.

The Montpellier scientific community is deeply implicated in these topics through the new flagship projects Plant@net and Arcad (Agropolis Resource Centre for Crop Conservation, Adaptation and Diversity) from Agropolis Foundation and would participate actively in this meeting.

We are ready to examine the support we would be able to give to the organisation of this meeting with Bioversity and Agropolis International.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.C. Glaszmann", written over a vertical line.

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