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Coming Events

8th Apr 2011

GlobalHort, initiative mondiale pour l'horticulture fête ses 5 ans à Agropolis International, Montpellier, France.
(www.agropolis.fr/actualites/2011-globalhort.php)

16th to 19th May 2011

ISEA 2011: 6th International Symposium on Edible Alliaceae, Fukuoka, Japan.
(www2.convention.co.jp/isea2011/)

20th May 2011

Colloque scientifique 'Jardiner autrement : stratégies environnementales au jardin': 13e colloque scientifique de la SNHF, Montpellier, France.
(www.snhf.org/agenda/nos-activites/759.html)

30th May to 1st Jun 2011

ISF World Seed Congress, Belfast, UK.
(<http://www.worldseed2011.com/>)

22nd to 24th Jun 2011

9th GlobalHort Board Meeting, Rome, Italy (www.globalhort.org)

27th Jun to 1st Jul 2011

2nd International Symposium on Underutilized Plant Species, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (www.cfsymposium2011.org)

17th to 21st Jul 2011

2nd International Conference on Quality Management of Fresh Cut Produce, Torino, Italy (www.freshcut2011.org/)

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Launch of the Global Horticulture Initiative, 22-24 March 2006, Montpellier, France
Left to right: Marc Rolland, Mahmoud Sohl, Gilles Saint-Martin, Adel El Beltagy

The Global Horticultural Initiative was launched March 23, 2006 during a special conference held in Montpellier, France. The idea of a consortium dedicated to horticulture had been initiated during the Global Horticulture Assessment (2005) and guided by the World Vegetable Centre (AVRDC) with the support of the Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD) and the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS). Over 70 participants from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe supported the Initiative tasked to facilitate the improvement of health and income of the poor in developing countries through advocacy, promotion and coordination. April 8, 2011 GlobalHort celebrates its fifth anniversary where it all began by outlining its accomplishments and a plan for the future.

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Going Forward: Agro-Biodiversity Collective Action Strategy

Opportunities exist for collective actions involving GlobalHort, Crops for the Future, the Non-Timber Forest Products Partnership, Bioversity International, the Global Crop Diversity Trust, and others. These partners share the vision that encouraging and facilitating the cultivation and marketing of a greater diversity of high value specialty crops, both indigenous and exotic, can significantly improve incomes and health of the rural poor. They also point to the important environmental services provided and to the 'preservation through use' of valuable plant genetic resources.

At a January 20-21 Workshop convened in Rome by the Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR) and the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), GlobalHort Board Chair, Norman Looney, helped to craft a manifesto for this kind of Collective Action. It was agreed that GFAR would provide the required leadership and coordination, noting that the promotion of High-Value Specialty Plants such as horticultural crops could make an important contribution to the GFAR effort to connect, inform, and identify priority issues for the global community of professionals engaged in agricultural and socio-economic research for development. Dr. Looney observed that GlobalHort can contribute importantly to ensuring that high-value specialty plants and crops receive the attention deserved within the context of reducing poverty and improving food and nutrition security of smallholders.



Dr. Norman Looney

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Programme of the 5th Anniversary Colloquium at Agropolis International

Date: 08 April 2011

Venue: Agropolis International, Montpellier, France

During this event, and in the presence of some key partners, GlobalHort will present to the scientific community of Montpellier its achievements, work plan, and perspectives for the coming years

10:00 – 11:00

- Jacky Ganry, Cirad-DGDRS in charge of GCARD (Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development) under guidance of the Global Forum Global for Agriculture Research (GFAR): « From its roots to the sprouting of GlobalHort »
- Rémi Kahane, executive secretary of **GlobalHort** : « From AVRDC to FAO, a roadmap and future full of traps for an initiative highly prized but thought-provoking »
- Hannah Jaenicke, former manager of **Crops For the Future**, at present consultant for IWMI and coordinator of the project « Recipes for success » funded through GlobalHort

11:00 – 12:30

These presentations will be followed by a round-table discussion on the « **Place of horticulture in the international agendas on food security, role and impact of a coordinating organization** », moderated by Bernard Hubert, President of Agropolis International

In the presence of:

- Norman Looney, past President of International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), Chairman of the Board of Directors of GlobalHort
- Robert Habib, Scientific Director of the Dept. Persyst, **CIRAD** and French representative on the governing Council of ISHS
- Sylvain Berton, Head of Operations at **Agrisud International**, NGO specialized in horticulture
- Francis Delpuech/Sylvie Avalonne, Director of Research/Scientist in nutrition at **IRD**
- Mark Holderness, Executive Secretary, Global Forum for Agriculture Research (GFAR)
- NeBambi Lutaladio, Team Leader, Crops Diversification, Plant Production and Protection Division (AGPM), **FAO**

Free entrance to the available seats in the Council Room (Salle du Conseil)



G.H.I Montpellier 22-03-2006

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Mission of GlobalHort – ‘Horticulture for Development’

To create wealth and improve human health and wellbeing in the world's poorest countries through increased production, consumption, processing and marketing of fruits and vegetables and other horticultural crops

Five years later and the challenges have never been greater!!

Foresight: The Future of Food and Farming (2011) highlights rising food prices and the importance of fruits and vegetables

“perishable higher-value products such as fish and fruit, access to urban and export markets can transform local opportunities, but require adequate facilities for storage and refrigeration, and efficient supply chain management.”

“dietary change can have multiple benefits on both public health and environmental sustainability, with synergies across different areas of policy. Advocating the consumption of foods that use fewer resources (land, water, fertilizer and other inputs) usually increases sustainability and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.”

GFAR to Promote Agro-Biodiversity

The multi-stakeholder constituencies of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) have prioritized the issue of agro-biodiversity as one of prime global importance. The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) recognizes the importance of agricultural research and contains special provisions for the exchange of information, transfer of technology and capacity building related to plant genetic resources...the potential importance of these crops, based on three key development objectives (pillars), are:

1. Nutrition and health - through production of foods, providing household/community food security and a diet diversity naturally rich in micronutrients;
2. The resilience of farming systems and environmental services at field or landscape level (e.g. to manage pests and diseases or maintain soil fertility); and
3. A source of income for resource-poor small farmers, enabling market opportunities and value addition potential especially for poor producers who have very little land.

Muhammad Al Bouazizi played a pivotal role in the tumultuous events that have swept through Tunisia, Egypt and is still spreading but he did not live to see the historic outcome of which he was a key part.

Al Bouazizi was a poor 26-year old Tunisian who could not find a job after finishing college. He refused to join the "army of unemployed youth," as it has become known in Tunisia, and instead started a small business as a street vendor, selling vegetables to support his family.



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If women in rural areas had the same access to land, technology, financial services, education and markets as men, agricultural production could be increased and the number of hungry people reduced by 100-150 million, FAO said in its 2010-11 edition of [*The State of Food and Agriculture report*](#).

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The Global Horticulture Initiative acts as a global facility for coordinated horticultural research that provides solutions towards increasing health, productivity and safety in sustainable environments, to uplift the quality of life of the poorest populations in the world.

It will contribute to improve interest, support and resources to the horticultural sector, public and private, from donors, research and development agencies, and decision makers.

Its four key activities are:

- Advocating for greater support of Horticulture for Development initiatives worldwide
- Connecting and informing the diverse and dispersed community of Horticulture for Development professionals
- Coaching funded research projects addressing key constraints to achieving the GlobalHort mission
- Building the indigenous human capacity required to support smallholders investing in horticultural enterprise

The GlobalHort Newsletter's Editorial Board is led by Jerry Miner, Communication Officer, and includes Dr. Norman Looney, Past President of ISHS and Chair of the GlobalHort Board and Raul Montemayor of FFF/Farmers' Organization in the Philippines.

PROFAV Workshop to be held in Arusha, Tanzania



Amon Maerere is Head of Crop Sciences at Sokoine University of Agriculture and Vice Chairperson of HODECT

The PROmotion of Fruit And Vegetables for health (PROFAV) workshop will be held from 29 August to 2 September 2011. It will take place in Arusha, Tanzania. This location was selected because the surrounding area hosts a wealth of horticultural diversity, with a wide range of systems spanning from the celebrated traditional chagga home gardens to the high-tech greenhouses producing flowers and vegetable seeds for export. In addition, the secretariat of the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA), Tengeru Horticultural Research and Training Institute (HORTI), the AVRDC-World Vegetable Regional Center for Africa, and the East African Community – are all based there and they will provide support. Moreover, the central geographic situation, the pleasant climatic conditions and the presence of international facilities in Arusha (East Africa Community, conference center, Kilimanjaro Airport) are definitely strong comparative advantages for such an event.

Pr. Amon Maerere of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) has been mandated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives of Tanzania (MAFC) to convene this PROFAV workshop for Anglophone tropical Africa. The Horticultural Development Council of Tanzania (HODECT) will be responsible for organizing this workshop as a joint FAO-WHO initiative for the promotion of fruit and vegetables for health.

Since this initiative is based on a com-

mon and integrated approach between agriculture, education and health, it will be organized in conjunction with MAFC, HODECT, and the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) under the Ministry of Health. GlobalHort will be facilitating the event.



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