

**3<sup>rd</sup> Festulolium Working Group Meeting**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Eucarpia Fodder Crops and Amenity Section**  
**Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia**  
**12-16 May 2013**

**Sunday 2pm 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013; Workshop Venue: Congress Centre Zvezda, Small hall**

***Festulolium Working Group***; Eucarpia has recognised the potential and opportunities at a time of climate change for *Festulolium* (hybrids or products of hybrids of ryegrass and fescue species derived by conventional plant breeding) for future and sustainable grassland agriculture and for environmental service. They kindly support our work and the operations of our Working Group for which we are extremely grateful. Our workshops provide opportunities to describe the latest outcomes of *Festulolium* research and to discuss how best to exploit these given industrial support. As such, we are pleased to invite researchers, plant breeders, and relevant industries to our Workshops. The *Festulolium* Group seeks where possible to initiate Pan-European initiatives to assess for mutual advantage variety performance under contrasting growth conditions and to consider how best to maximise any benefits that we find from new research and plant breeding initiatives. We welcome all having either a current interest in *Festulolium* research or those who simply wish to find out more to attend our Workshop. We would especially like to thank our colleagues in Serbia who are hosting the main Eucarpia Fodder Crops and Amenity section Meeting for giving us the opportunity to hold this Workshop

## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**2pm: Introduction: Chairman Mike Humphreys (IBERS, Aberystwyth University)**

### **1. Presentations**

**2.10: Presentation on use of DArT Markers in Festulolium Breeding:**

- **By DLF in the Czech Republic : Vladimir Cernoch - 20 + 5m**
- **BY INRA in France: Marc Ghesquiere - 20 + 5m**
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**3pm: Coffee and Refreshments Sponsored by Institute for forage crops, Krusevac**

### **2. Presentations**

**3.10pm: Root phenotyping of Festulolium for environmental service:**

**Mike Humphreys - 20 + 5m**

**3.35pm: Use of SNP markers for gene expression studies in Festulolium:**

**Dave Kopecky (IEB, Czech Republic) - 20 + 5m**

### **Common Festulolium Field Trial**

Following agreement at the last Festulolium Workshop at the Eucarpia Fodder Crops and Amenity Section Meeting in Dublin 2011 common field trials of elite Festulolium cultivars developed and chosen by participating organisations and relevant parent species' cultivars as controls were sown in 6 countries in 2012 for comparisons in performance under contrasting growth conditions. This will be the first opportunity to describe progress and plan future work. There will be opportunity to visit the Serbia Festulolium Field Trial as part of the main Meeting Mid-ConferenceTour.

#### **4pm: Reports from:**

- 1. Czech Republic**
- 2. France**
- 3. Poland**
- 4. UK**
- 5. Serbia**
- 6. Norway**

**Discussion Leaders:** Vladimir Cernoch (DLF); Marc Ghesquiere (INRA)

**5pm: Conclusions and Any Other Business: Led by: Mike Humphreys;  
Zbigniew Zwierzykowski (IPG, Poland)**

**5.30pm: End of Meeting**