

2nd International Workshop on Barley Leaf Diseases (2nd IWBLD)

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International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
(ICARDA)

at

Rabat, Morocco, April 5-7, 2017

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*"Preventing leaf disease losses of barley for small holder farmers in
West Asia and North Africa (WANA)"*

The 2nd International Workshop on Barley Leaf Diseases (IWBLD) will be organized by ICARDA at Rabat, Morocco, April 5-7, 2017. The workshop will provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas relating to understanding and controlling leaf diseases of barley. The goal of the International Scientific Committee (ISC) is to bring together international experts and young students interested in recent advanced studies in all aspects (theoretical and applied) of barley leaf diseases. Leaf diseases of barley are of economic importance and cause heavy losses in the WANA region. Most of the barley in this region is cultivated under challenging moisture and temperature conditions with minimum inputs and targeted as a food and feed/grazing crop for humans and livestock, respectively. Across the WANA region, foliar diseases result in poor grain yield as well as reduced quality of grain, forage and other components. Chemical control measures are seldom if ever used in this region; thus, to ensure sustainable barley production of the highest quality possible for various end uses, an integrated approach is needed. To produce a healthy barley crop biotic stress management is an important requirement so that it can withstand the abiotic stresses in the region.

With this background, we cordially invite you to actively participate in and enjoy the 2nd IWBLD in Rabat, Morocco.

The 2017 Rabat event is a continuation of the 1st IWBLD, held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy during June 2014. The 1st IWBLD, replaced the "International Workshop on Barley Leaf Blights", with the ISC's goal to include a wider group of researchers investigating all barley leaf diseases, instead of only leaf blights.

Session topics

- *Barley leaf diseases under variable climate and farming systems*
- *Epidemiology and integrated management of barley leaf diseases*
- *Evolution of pathogen populations*
- *Resistance genetics and breeding*
- *Structural and functional genomics of barley pathogens*
- *Molecular host-pathogen interactions*
- *Special topic: Emerging barley diseases*

The workshop will have the day 1 for field visits and interactions and days 2 and 3 for scientific presentations (details to be issued in second circular).

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Venue

Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan-II
Rue Hafiane Cherkaoui, Rabat, Morocco.

Registration fee

Normal rate: US\$ 300 (rising to US\$ 400 after deadline) Students: US\$150
Local Delegates: US\$ 150 Local Students: US\$100

Registrations will open on **15 October, 2016**. The deadline is **15 January, 2017** for registration payments and abstract submission.

* In order to avail the reduced fee, students must submit via e-mail, an official certificate signed by the head/director/dean of the school or department of studies (in PDF format) confirming their student status.
**For accompanying persons, a registration fee of US\$ 100 will include the welcome reception, symposium lunches, excursion and social event.

Abstracts

- You are kindly invited to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation. Participants are invited to register and submit their abstract online. Scientific contributions will be accepted **only** from registered participants. The ISC will select the oral contributions and posters based on the submitted abstracts. Authors will be informed of this decision no later than 15 February 2017.
- Abstracts should be prepared in standard English in MS Word, page size A4 (21 x 29.7 cm), font Times New Roman 12 pt., and single line spacing throughout. All margins should be 2.5 cm. Authors are responsible for the content and layout.

Title (bold)

Author's full name (first name + surname)

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Abstract: up to 300 words

Specify session topic and preference for: a) oral presentation, b) poster.

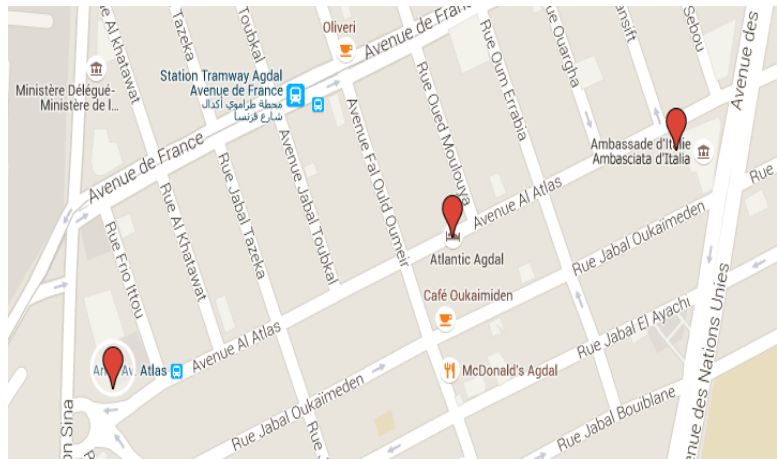
To submit an abstract, send by an e-mail to:

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A confirmation message will be sent in response to your e-mail.

Accommodation

Delegates will be required to book their own accommodation. The following hotels are near the tram station (Avenue de France) Agdal to facilitate travel (about three kilometers) to the conference venue at Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan-II (IAV Hassan-II), Rue Hafiane Cherkaoui, Rabat, Delegates should take the tram to the last station (Medinat Al Irfane) and walk the last 100 meters to the conference venue (IAV Hassan-II main entrance gate is visible from the tram station).



- **Le Mihad, Agdal**

7, Avenue Al Atlas - Agdal - Rabat - MAROC Téléphone: +212 (0) 537 771 888
Fax: +212 (0) 537 771 889

Email: reservation@mihadhotel.com

Single Room: 662 MAD (included breakfast)

[Click here to book your room](#)

- **Soundouss Hotel, Agdal**

10 Place Talha – Agdal, Rabat, Maroc

Tél : 212 (0) 5 37 27 88 88

Fax: 212 (0) 5 37 67 58 68 E-mail: soundouss@soundousshotel.ma

Single Room: \$ 115.00 (included breakfast)

Double Room: \$ 127.00 (included breakfast)

[Click here to book your room](#)

- **Atlantic Agdal**

20, Avenue Atlas Agdal Rabat Single Room: \$ 124.00 (included breakfast)

Contact +212 5 37 27 33 00

Email: info@atlantic.com; info@atlanticagdal.com

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The hotel room prices given above **are estimates only**, based on the latest information. To reserve your room, **please book directly with the selected hotel through the links**. The hotels will send you a confirmation of your reservation.

In addition to the three hotels listed above, there are a range of other hotels with different room rates available in Rabat. Since the city is a popular tourist site, we suggest making your hotel reservation as soon as possible.

Invitation Letter

The secretariat is pleased to send an official invitation letter upon request. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential attendees to obtain visas or raise funds. It is not a commitment on the part of the organizer to provide any financial support.

Cancellation

Cancellation must be notified in writing to the secretariat (r.verma@cgiar.org; s.rehman@cgiar.org). Please refer to the following cut-off date for cancellation. All refunds will be made after the meeting for administrative reasons. Bank charges will be deducted from the refunded amount before 5 March 2017.

Travel

Rabat is the capital city of Morocco located about 85 Km north of the city of Casablanca and connected by air and train service.

How to arrive in Rabat:

- **By plane:** the closest airports are

- A. **Casablanca**, (96 Km from Rabat) is the most commonly used international airport which is well connected with most of the places in Europe and middle east, and other countries. Train connection and Taxi service to Rabat are available at Casablanca airport.
- B. **Rabat-Sale airport** (15 Km from city of Rabat) connected to Paris in Europe and Abu Dhabi in UAE with direct flights.

- **By train:** Rabat is also connected with train service to Casablanca in South and Tangier in the north from where one can avail the trains.

Contact

For any further information or assistance please contact the organizers.

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