



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

ACIAR/AusAID Iraq Project (CIM/2008/027)
**Development of conservation cropping systems in the drylands of
northern Iraq**

2008/09 reporting/planning meeting
27 September-1 October 2009
ICARDA Aleppo, Syria

Agenda

Friday/Saturday 25-26 September 2009

Arrival of participants - accommodation at the Mirage (Amir Palace) Hotel

Sunday, 27 September 2009

0800-0900	Transport to ICARDA Tel Hadya and registration	
0900-0930	Official opening	Dr M Solh, Mr J Ball, Dr S Bader
0930-1000	Introduction and program	Dr C Piggin
1000-1030	Group photo and tea/coffee	
1030-1230	Results - Objective 1 To demonstrate and promote uptake of “best-bet” improved varieties and crop management systems for wheat, barley and pulse and forage legumes	Dr AS Rajibo/JS Saeed
1230-1300	Lunch	
1300-1500	Results - Objective 2 To evaluate and select new, improved germplasm of wheat, barley and pulse and forage legumes for promotion in demonstration programs	
	- Uni Mosul (30 mins)	Drs AS Rajibo/S Abduljabbar
	- SBAR (30 mins)	Drs K Kasim/A Kareem
	- DOA (30 mins)	JS Saeed
1500-1700	Results - Objective 3 To evaluate and select new, improved crop management technologies for promotion in demonstration programs	
	- Uni Mosul (20 mins)	Dr AS Rajibo/A Sultan/S Irdeny
	- SBAR (20 mins)	Dr K Kasim
	- DOA (20 mins)	JS Saeed
	- ICARDA/Syria (60 mins)	Drs C Piggin/Dr R Sommer/A Haddad/Y Khalil
1700-1730	Transport: ICARDA - Mirage Hotel	

Monday, 28 September

- 0730-0800 Transport: Mirage Hotel - ICARDA
- 0800-0900 Results - Objective 4 To facilitate agricultural planning and development through utilisation of GIS and crop modeling
JS Saeed/M Al Ardeny
- 0900-1000 Results - Objective 5 To develop, evaluate and promote efficient and sustainable local seed production and supply systems
JS Saeed/ K Kasim/B Qasim
- 1000-1030 Tea/coffee
- 1030-1200 Results - Objective 6 To monitor and evaluate adoption and impacts of the project technologies, and identify enabling policy options to enhance uptake by farmers
Dr Sa'ad Mohammed
- 1200-1300 Lunch
- 1300-1400 Results - Objective 7 To enhance capacity of Iraq research and extension programs to develop and promote improved conservation cropping technologies
- ICARDA Dr C Piggin
- Australia Drs Coventry, Siddique, Anderson
- brief training/conference visit reports
Dr S Bader/AS Alrijabo (India)
Dr Saad Mohammed (India)
Dr. Maan Salih, Jamal Al-Hazza (Australia)
- 1400-1430 Project management and implementation in Iraq Dr S Bader
- 1430-1500 Capital purchases, finance, reporting Dr C Piggin
- 1500-1700 Group technical discussion: Getting the most out of conservation cropping
Chair: Dr W Anderson
- 1700-1730 Transport: ICARDA - Mirage Hotel

Tuesday, 29 September 2009

- 0730-0800 Transport: Mirage Hotel-ICARDA
- 0800-1000 Workplan discussion group - Objective 1 To demonstrate and promote uptake of "best-bet" improved varieties and crop management systems for wheat, barley and pulse and forage legumes
Facilitators: Drs AS Rajibo/JS Saeed/S Grando/W Anderson
- 1000-1030 Tea/coffee
- 1030-1230 Workplan discussion group - Objective 2 To evaluate and select new, improved germplasm of wheat, barley and pulse and forage legumes for promotion in demonstration programs
Facilitators: Drs AS Rajibo/K Kasim/M Imtiaz/K Siddique
- 1230-1330 Lunch

- 1330-1530 Workplan discussion group - Objective 3 To evaluate and select new, improved crop management technologies for promotion in demonstration programs
Facilitators: Drs AS Rajibo/JS Saeed/D Coventry/R Sommer
- 1530-1630 Workplan discussion group - Objective 4 To facilitate agricultural planning and development through utilisation of GIS and crop modeling
Facilitators: Drs AS Rajibo/JS Saeed/W Wu
- 1630-1700 Transport: ICARDA - Mirage Hotel

Wednesday, 30 September 2009

- 0730-0800 Transport: Mirage Hotel-ICARDA
- 0800-1000 Workplan discussion group - Objective 5 To develop, evaluate and promote efficient and sustainable local seed production and supply systems
Facilitators: Dr AS Rajibo/JS Saeed/K Khalil/AA Niane
- 1000-1030 Tea/coffee
- 1030-1230 Workplan discussion group - Objective 6 To monitor and evaluate adoption and impacts of the project technologies, and identify enabling policy options to enhance uptake by farmers
Facilitators: Drs M Sa'ad, S Kaitibie
- 1230-1300 Lunch
- 1300-1400 Seminar "Climate Change: Can we adapt crops and farming systems?"
Dr K Siddique, University of Western Australia
- 1400-1600 Workplan discussion group - Objective 7 To enhance capacity of Iraq research and extension programs to develop and promote improved conservation cropping technologies
Facilitators: Drs S Bader/K Siddique
- 1600-1630 Transport: ICARDA - Mirage Hotel
- 1900-2100 Official Dinner (ICARDA Office 1 Garden)

Thursday, 1 October 2009

- 0730-0800 Transport: Mirage Hotel-ICARDA
- 0800-1030 Presentation of workplans
 - Objective 1 demonstrations
 - Objective 2 germplasm research
 - Objective 3 crop management research
 - Objective 4 GIS and modelling
 - Objective 5 seed production
 - Objective 6 socio-economics
 - Objective 7 training
- 1030-1100 Morning tea/coffee
- 1100-1200 Discussion on:
 - finance
 - capital items

- seed requirements
- other issues

1200 Close Dr M Solh, Dr S Bader, Ambassador R Tyson, Dr C Piggin
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1500 Project coordination committee meeting Chairs: Drs Bader, Piggin
1500-1530 Transport: ICARDA - Mirage Hotel

Friday/Saturday 2-3 October 2009

Departure to Baghdad, Mosul and Australia according to transport arrangements

Dr C. Piggin, ICARDA
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