

iPLANTA WG4 meeting on “Benefits and Cost associated with using RNAi technologies” at Milan University, in Milan (Italy), October 18-19th, 2017

Call for Abstracts

The WG4 of the COST action iPLANTA organizes a workshop on “Benefits and Costs associated with using RNAi technologies”. The meeting will last one day. The goal of the workshop is to present the best new scientific research in this field.

The workshop will address important issues about benefit-cost assessment of RNAi technology:

- 1) What RNAi products are already available on the EU and other markets?;
- 2) What are the expected benefits-and-costs of those products?

The workshop contributes to the following research objectives of the iPlanta Action:

- Disseminate available information on plant RNAi and on RNAi systems in pests and pathogens of crop plants;
- Organize a network of scientists to achieve scientific understanding of RNAi mechanisms and interactions and develop approaches for the safe exploitation of RNAi for plant production and protection.

The workshop contributes to the following capacity building objectives of the iPlanta Action:

- Develop a socio-economic platform to consider the implications of this new technology in EU or international context and the appropriate institutional arrangements.
- Promote collaboration among European interested parties and stakeholders, and with interested parties outside Europe.
- Encourage the development of new relevant research consortia and programmes within the EU.
- The workshop in particular will contribute to achieve the deliverables and milestones of WG4 as outlined in the proposal, in particular to establish a data-base of socio-economic studies on RNAi products and a review of the social and economic impacts of GMP RNAi, including a benefit-cost-analyses of some commercialised RNAi systems.

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- Establish a communications platform for stakeholders and the public.

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