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Integrative Research Group





Over **3000** scientists involved in activities of the GRA



international collaborative projects supporting the GRA





fellowships awarded to recipients from 25 countries



19 technical training workshops held



technical guidelines, resource materials and databases produced

















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- The Council agreed to re-issue invitations to the Asian Development Bank and International Fund for Agricultural Development to be partners of the GRA.
- Accepted the request for partnership from the International Soil Reference and Information Centre (ISRIC).
- Agreed to pursue partnerships with the following organisations:
 - Global Agri-business Alliance (GAA)
 - World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
 - Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform)
 - International Fertiliser Development Centre (IFDC)
 - Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI)
 - Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)

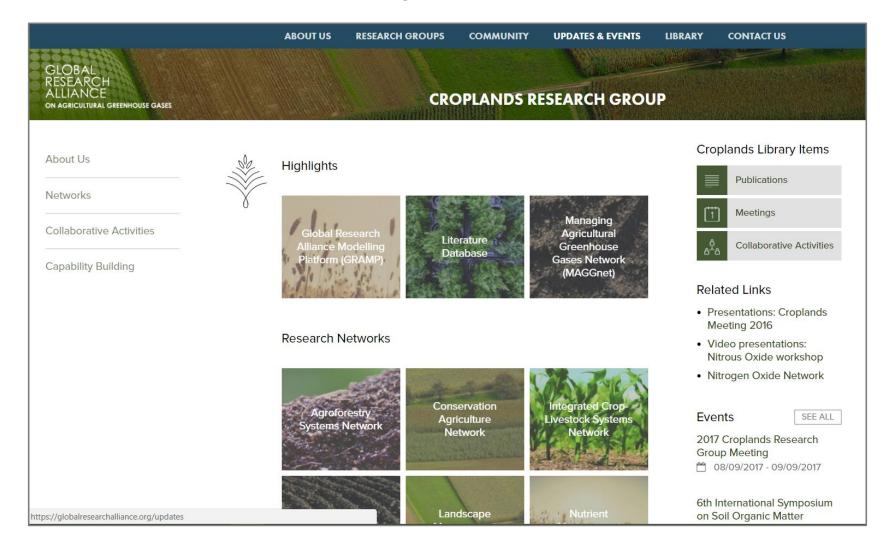
2017 COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

- Germany confirmed as vice –Chair
 - Proposal to host a GRA Conference jointly with FACCE, alongside the 2018 Council meeting
- Livestock and Paddy Rice Research Groups call for Members to support a 3rd Co-Chair of each Group.
- Develop an inventory of capability building needs and survey of capability fellowships and training events.
- Research Groups proposed developing regional capability building activities, coordinated across all Groups.
- Facilitate capability building support including fellowships

- Council Members to identify the Flagship projects they will support.
- Develop/identify Joint Programming to resources the activities of Research Groups, Networks and GRA Flagships.

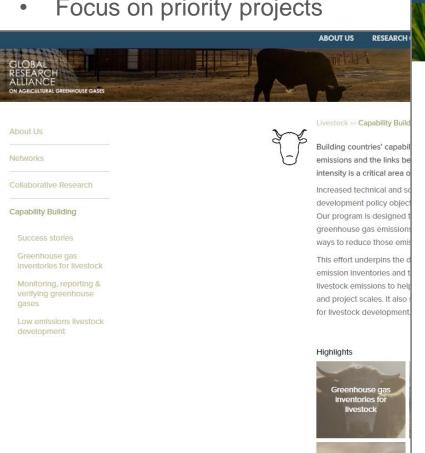


Expansion of Research Group Pages – to showcase Networks and activities



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- Highlight workplan elements and activities
- Focus on priority projects







Success stories

Paddy Rice >> Collaborative Activities >> Mitigation in Irrigated Rice Systems in Asia Project

The Mitigation in Irrigated Rice Systems in Asia (MIRSA) project is a project of the Paddy Rice Research Group.

The MIRSA project focuses on greenhouse gas mitigation in irrigated rice paddies in South East Asia, Simultaneous experimental field trials were initiated in Sept 2013 in Jakenan (Indonesia), Nueva Ecija (Philippines), Prachin Buri (Thailand), and Hue (Vietnam), and continuing for 6 seasons (3 years) to assess the site-specific feasibility of alternate wetting and drying (AWD) as a mitigation option for CH4 and N2 O emissions from irrigated rice fields. The study aims to develop standardised protocols on the effective implementation of alternate wetting and drying at multiple locations in south-east Asia to achieve the emission reduction target of 30% relative to the conventional water management, and to acquire a generalized scientific knowledge about the influence of alternate wetting and drying on GHG emission reduction. The results have shown the effectiveness of alternate wetting and drying to reduce CH4 and N2 O emissions.

On completion of the project, the results will be communicated directly to farmers.

Project details

The MIRSA project tests three different types of practice:

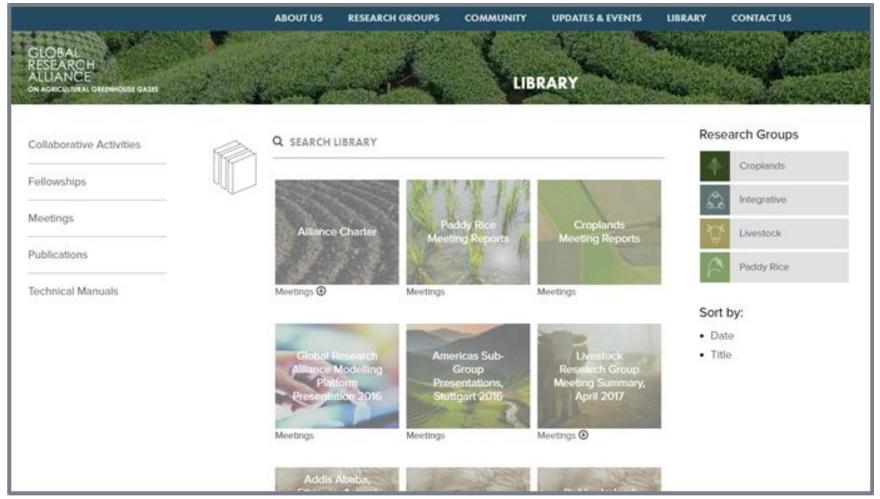
- 1. Continuous flooding (used as the reference practice)
- 2. Safe alternate wetting and drying: naturally drained until the surface water table is reached at -15cm, then irrigated
- 3. Site-specific alternate wetting and drying: established based on scientific experience of each monitoring site (ie, this can differ in the practice among

Related Links

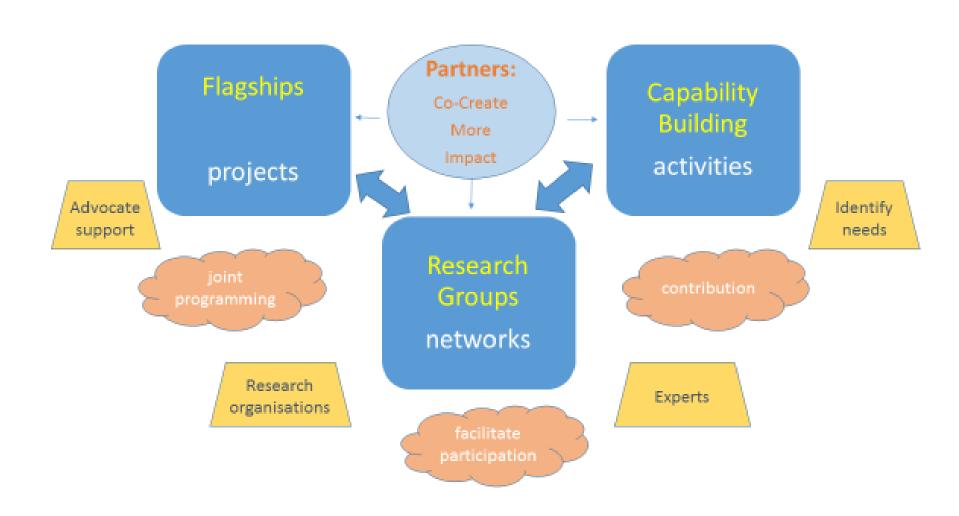
Japan's MIRSA website

WEBSITE UPDATES

Resource Library – access publications, documents, fellowship opportunities and project information



Outline of Work updated 2017+



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PADDY RICE RESEARCH GROUP

Co-Chairs

- Kazuyuki Yagi, NIAES, Japan
- Gonzalo Zorrilla, INIA, Uruguay

Group Activities

- Developing MRV guidelines
- Capability building activities APEC proposal.
- Rice Flagship –multi-beneficial management.

Recent / Next Meeting

Asia sub-Group, Tsukuba, Japan, 2
September 2017





LIVESTOCK RESEARCH GROUP

Co-Chairs

- Harry Clark, NZAGRC, New Zealand
- Martin Scholten, Wageningen UR, the Netherlands

Group Activities

- Conclusion of stage 1 of project with FAO,CCAC, NZ 'Reducing enteric methane for improving food security and livelihoods'.
 Demonstrated options to reduce emissions intensity at the same time as increasing productivity in 13 countries.
 - Regional training for South/South-East Asian countries
 - White Paper on MRV of livestock GHGs
 - Co-published an informative guide on the benefits of Tier 2 inventories to increase policy options (climate & agriculture)

Next Meeting

May 2018, Vietnam



Co-Chairs

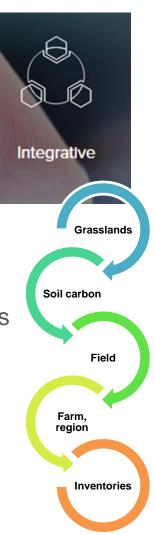
- Brian McConkey, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Lee Nelson, Department of Agriculture, Australia
- Jean-François Soussana, INRA, France

Group Activities

- Soil carbon network: C-MIP, testing soil carbon models on a global network of long-term bare fallow sites (launched)
- Field scale network: GHG-MIP, N₂O emissions and yields of crop rotations and grasslands at 10 sites across 4 continents.
- Farm-Region: global map showing organic carbon inputs to soils required to reach the 4 per 1000 target
- Coordination of international soil carbon sequestration research (CIRCASA) 17 countries.

Next Meeting

 17-19 January 2018, Paris, France – including 1 day symposium.



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