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Secretariat Update

September 2015

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Japan

Korea

Lithuania

Malaysia

Mexico

Nicaragua

Netherlands

New Zealand

Norway

Panama

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Poland

Spain

Sri Lanka

Sweden

Switzerland

Thailand

Tunisia

United Kingdom

United States

Uruguay

Vietnam



Alliance Council 2015

- 8-11 September in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.
- The Netherlands handed over the role of Council Chair to the US.
- Mexico became the next Vice-Chair

Focus for the 2015 Council

- Development of a GRA Strategy 2015-2020.
- Enhancing the role of the Secretariat to raise the visibility of the GRA with Members and Partners
- Inviting CABI and WAF to become Partners of the GRA.
- Restructuring the Cross-Cutting Research Groups



GRA Activities

Engagement workshops :

- Mediterranean regional workshop, 5-6 March 2015 in Tunisia. Participants attended from Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Portugal, Tunisia and Turkey.
- Planning is underway for an engagement workshop in Izmir, Turkey, 18-19 November 2015. Supported by the governments of Turkey and the Netherlands.

GRA promotion :

- Updated GRA Brochure produced, UN Climate Summit, 23 September 2014
- GRA participation at COP 21 alongside Agriculture day activities

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Working together to help farmers grow the world's food without growing greenhouse gas emissions

The Global Research Alliance (GRA) provides a framework for cooperation and investment in research activities that support the agricultural sector in meeting the growing demand for food while reducing greenhouse gas emissions intensity. Our work is focused on improving efficiency, productivity, resilience, and adaptive capacity across the agricultural sector.

Established in 2009, the GRA has over 40 member countries. We partner with farmer organisations like the World Farmers' Organisation and international organisations that we share common goals with such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Bank. In addition to our members and partners, the GRA collaborates with other non-government and government organisations and scientists from around the world.



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Research Group Priorities

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- **Increase active support from Council and improve links between science and Council country representatives**
- **Merge the two Cross-Cutting Groups to form an Integrated Research Group, with cross-cutting networks.**
- **More resourcing for capability development activities**
- **Establish an International Research Call for the GRA**
- **Hold a GRA Science Conference – possibly 2017**

Croplands Research Group

Co-chairs:  Alan Franzluebbers, USDA-ARS
 Ladislau Martin-Neto, EMBRAPA

Group Activities :

- Global Research Alliance Modelling Platform (GRAMP) website launch
<http://gramp.org.uk/>
- GHG mitigation of agricultural peatlands policy paper (GRA Website)
- CRG Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/GRAcroplands>
- New networks to be established

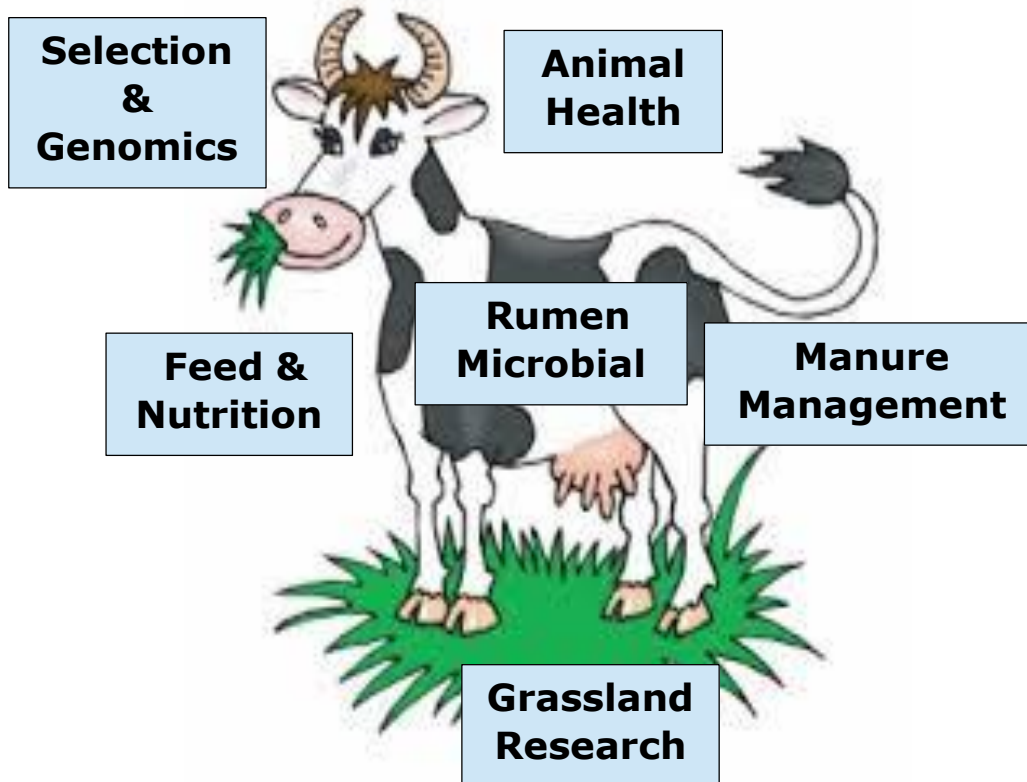
Last Meeting

- 11-12 July 2015
Brasilia, Brazil – joint meeting with I&M
- Alongside the world Congress on Integrated crop-livestock-forest systems.



Livestock Research Group

Co-chairs:  Martin Scholten, Wageningen UR
 Harry Clark, NZAGRC



Next Meeting

19-20 February 2016

Melbourne, Australia

Recent activities:

- Joint meeting of LRG Networks in Reading UK.
- LRG-SAI brochure, best practice and emerging options.
- Country case studies
- LRG Brochure.
- Upcoming workshop on Livestock Inventory data, Bangkok, Thailand.

Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Cycling Cross-Cutting Group

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Co-chairs:  Jean-François Soussana, INRA
 Lee Nelson, Department of Agriculture

Group activities:

- **Network 1.** Model inter-comparison for GHG emissions and test of mitigation options
- **Network 2.** Model inter-comparison for climate change impacts on agricultural GHG emissions and adaptation options (Joined activity with AgMIP)
- **Network 3.** Soil carbon sequestration (planning stage)

Group Workshops


Model Intercomparison
2-4 March 2015
Fort Collins, Colorado, US

Soil Carbon in Grasslands
25 June 2015
Lodi, Italy

Inventories and Monitoring Cross-Cutting Group

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Co-chairs:  Brian McConkey, Agriculture and Agri-Food
 Jan Verhagen, Wageningen UR

Group activities:

- Establishment of a SE Asian regional network on farm systems – Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand.
- Recent workshop on improving African regional inventories In New Zealand 27-31 July – Botswana, Ghana and South Africa

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crop-livestock-forest systems
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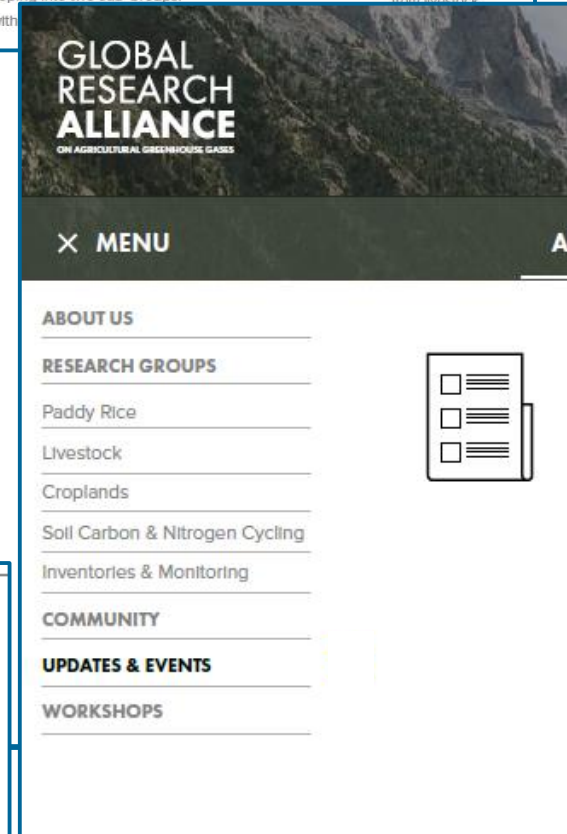
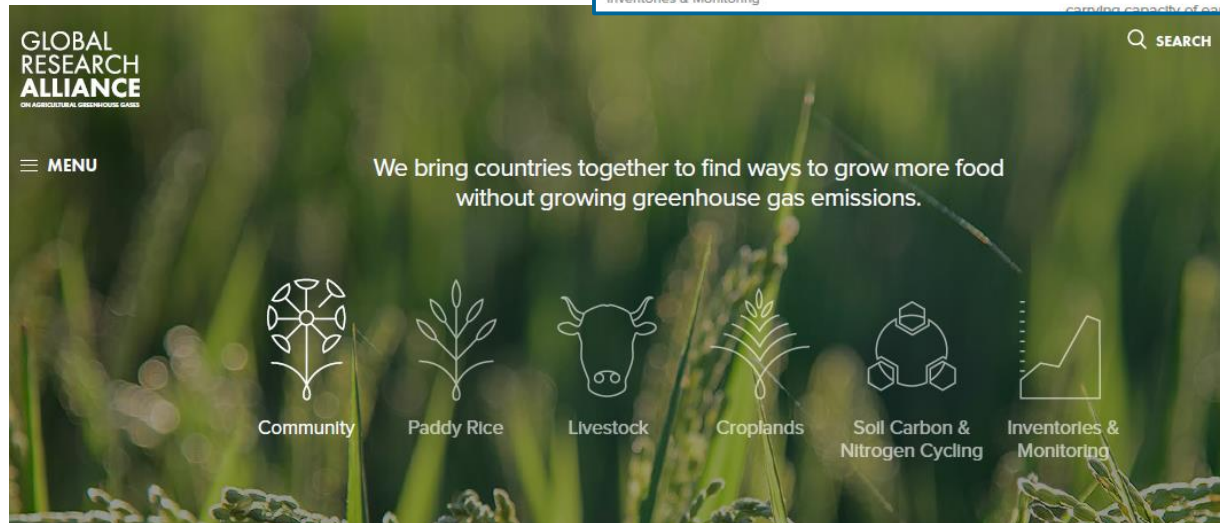
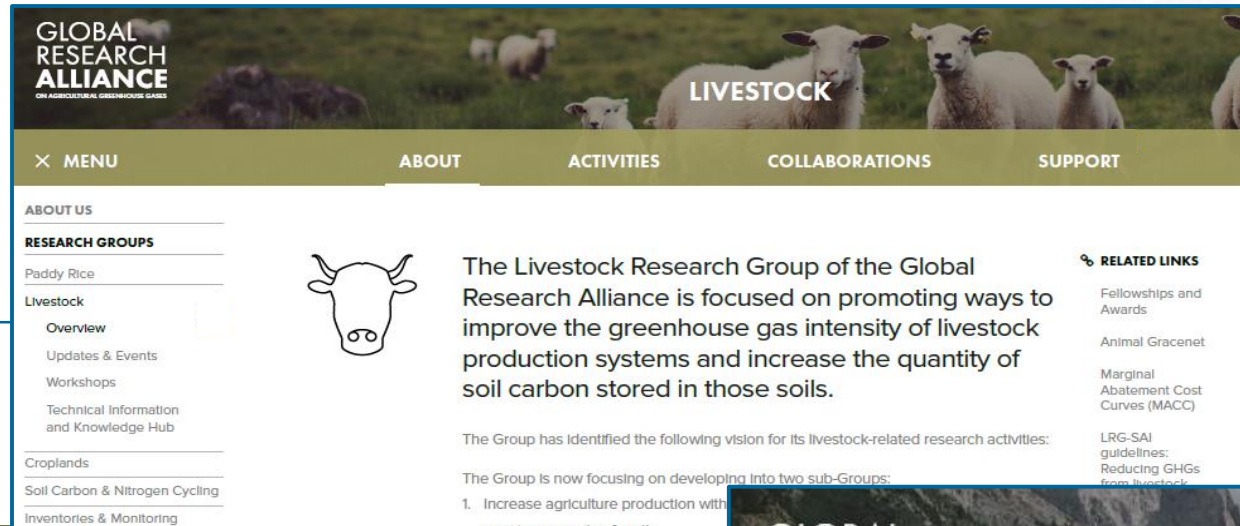


Secretariat

- **Communications to promoting achievements and frame the profile of the GRA.**
 - Website update – next slide
 - Social media, Twitter: @GRA_GHG
- **Stable contacts - Council and RGs**
- **Council GRA Strategy**
- **Member country WebPages**
 - promoting the activities that each member leads or contributes to.



Website Refresh



March 26, 2014

Report from African Regional Meeting now available.

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