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50 member countries





JU fellowships awarded to recipients from **25** countries





technical guidelines, resource materials and databases produced

technical training workshops held





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Research Groups

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May 2018

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2017 COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES



- Germany confirmed as vice-Chair.
- 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.
- New Partners ISRIC, GAA and WBCSD.

2018 COUNCIL MEETING



- 10-13 September, Berlin, Germany
- Council meeting (10-11 September)
 - Research Group Reports.
 - GRA Flagships update on existing and new proposals.
 - Regional capability building activities.
 - Koronovia work plan for Agriculture in the UNFCCC.
 - Collaboration with GRA Partners.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE





- International Conference on Agricultural GHG emissions and Food Security: Connecting research to policy and practice.
- Jointly organised by GRA and FACCE-JPI, in partnership with CCAFS, and hosted by the Thünen Institute.
- Science Conference (10-11 September)
 - Call for abstracts closed 30 April.
- Stakeholder Conference (11-12 September)
 - Communicating research outcomes of the GRA, FACCE-JPI and CCAFS to policy makers, research coordinators, NGOs, industry and farmer organisations.

CROPLANDS RESEARCH GROUP

Co-Chairs

- Jane Johnson, USDA-ARS, USA
- Ladislau Martin, EMBRAPA, Brazil
- Rosa Mosquera, USC, Spain

Group Activities

- Landscape management Network –
 Obtained funds China and UNEP, granted by National Natural Science Foundation of China. (China and Kenya).
- Conservation Agriculture Network-published factsheet, obtained funds for meta data compilation.
- Peatlands Network Workshop, Spring 2018.

Next Meeting

 12 August 2018, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Alongside the World Congress on Soil Science.







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INTEGRATIVE RESEARCH GROUP



- Brian McConkey, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Mellissa Wood, ACIAR, 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.





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PADDY RICE RESEARCH GROUP

Co-Chairs

- Yasukazu Hosen, NIAES, Japan
- Álvaro Roel, INIA, Uruguay

Group Activities

- published MRV guidelines
- APEC funded workshops on management technologies in Paddy Fields.
- Mitigation options for Latin Americawith CIAT.

Next Meeting

 America sub-Group, Piura, Peru, 14 May 2018.



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GRA Flagships – Strategic Plan 2016-2020

GLOBAL RESEARCH ALLIANCE on agricultural greenhouse gases

"Identify possible GRA Flagship Research Projects for presentation to and review by the Council for potential adoption on an annual basis."

- Flagships will make a major contribution to the GRA:
 - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions while supporting food security
 - Advancing global knowledge through collaboration
 - Supporting countries in their developing and implementing solutions
 - Promote synergies between mitigation and adaptation
- Flagships are thematic areas that will be advanced through specific actions and can include research, capacity building, guidance and transfer.
- Excellent opportunity to align Council members' domestic research programmes and Partner activity to the Flagships and to utilise upcoming research calls, both of the GRA and of GRA Partners

GRA Flagships – process



- GRA Council endorsed development of four GRA Flagships:
 - Enteric Fermentation
 - Agricultural GHG Inventories
 - Soil Carbon Sequestration
 - Water Management in Rice Production
- Under development are Flagships on Nitrous Oxide (Croplands) and Circular Food Systems.
- Task Forces comprising lead authors, contributing authors and review authors, were established.
- Task Forces prepared Flagship project proposals that outline work to be done, the resources available, and the resources needed (including types of resources, e.g. research funding, post-doc, etc.)

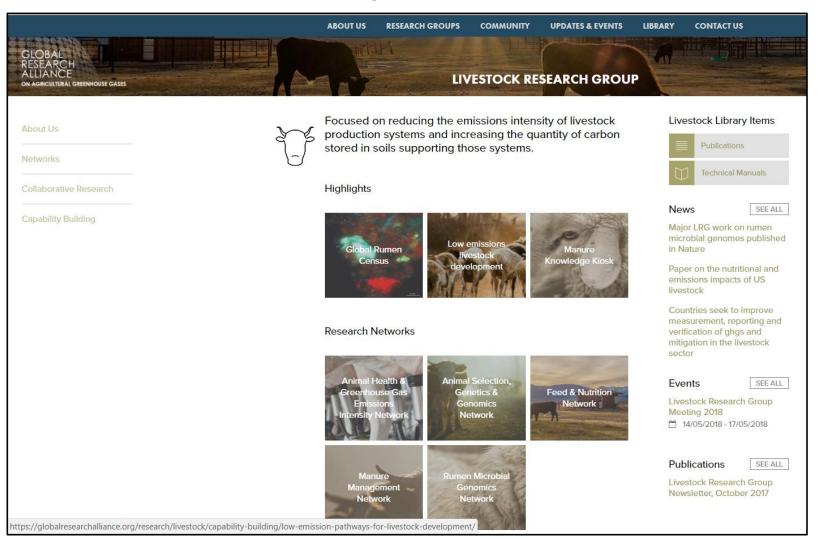
Examples of joint programming



- FACCE-JPI / ERAGAS / SuSAN expansion of existing project proposals.
- MIRSA II Japan, Asia project on water management for CH4 mitigation in rice. Linked to a Latin America FONTAGRO funded project on rice (Chile, Peru, Colombia, CIAT, FLAR).
- APEC rice project Japan, NZ, Mexico, Viet Nam, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines.
- CCAC –activities under the agriculture initiative.
- CLIFF-GRADS Scholarship programme jointly supported by GRA and CCAFS. Opportunities for Members and Partners to host PhD research visits (4-6 months) linked to GRA and CCAFS research projects.
- East Africa GRA Workshop July 2018, opportunity to plan LRG activities in sub-regions of Africa.
- CIRCASA soil carbon led by France + 17 countries.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Expansion of Research Group Pages – to showcase Networks and activities.



WEBSITE UPDATES



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

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