

OPENING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE IN AGRICULTURE

Update from Various Global Initiatives

NEW! OPEN post-conference event for all IAALD conference participants

Thursday, July 25, 2013. 8:30am-1:00pm.

All sessions will take place at Albert R Mann Library, 160 Stern Conference Room

Session 1: “International Initiatives to foster collaboration in Agricultural Data Management”

Thursday, July 25, 2013: 08.30 a.m.-10.00 a.m.

Brief description: This workshop will present updates from a number of initiatives including: RDA (Research data alliance) working group on Open Agricultural Data; agINFRA project; G8 meeting on open Agricultural Data; G20 initiatives on Agricultural Information (TAP and Global Wheat Initiative);, and, the CIARD movement. Discussions will emphasize funding and implementation opportunities that open data resources and tools present, as well as how participants can collectively tap into these resources in order to set up strategies or action plans.

Presenters: Valeria Pesce (GFAR), Imma Subirats (FAO), Johannes Keizer (FAO)

Session 2: “Learning resources for strategic approaches to information and knowledge sharing”

Thursday, July 25’ 2013; 10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m.

Brief description: An opportunity to learn, share and discuss resources for capacity development in the area of information and knowledge management by partners of IAALD. The IMARK initiative, its objectives, partners involved and the subject areas covered in the various courses will also be presented, including its strong relationship with the CIARD movement

Presenters: Cristina Petracchi (FAO), Peter Walton (IAALD) and Krishan Bheenick (CTA)

Session 3: “The role of Agricultural Knowledge Resources Centres in the future”

Thursday 25th, 2013; 11.30 a.m.-13.00 p .m.

Brief description: This workshop will bring together issues from several initiatives and domains that relate to the operation of Agricultural Knowledge Resource Centres e.g. the CIARD movement’s focus on opening access to agricultural knowledge to better support small holders and improved monitoring and evaluation of the processes to demonstrate impact; technological changes in the field of information science and knowledge management and other emerging issues that are discussed at the Congress. Collaborative discussions will be held around contributions on defining the roles of Agricultural Knowledge Resource Centres, both physical and virtual, and how to get started on the path to change.

Presenters: FAO, IICA, IAALD and CTA

This post conference event is a joint collaboration by IAALD, FAO, CTA, IICA; and GFAR on behalf of THE CIARD Movement