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ANNOUNCEMENT

Workshops on the ‘Use of DNA barcoding, from theory to practice’

Dear all,

We are pleased to announce that two **Workshops** on the ‘Use of DNA barcoding, from theory to practice’ will be organised in the framework of the Euphresco project PRACTIBAR in 2018.

They will be held:

- on 2018-10-09/12 at the EPPO Headquarters, 21 Bd Richard Lenoir, 75011 Paris (FR)
- on 2018-12-11/14 at NVWA, Geertjesweg 15, 6706 EA, Wageningen (NL).

DNA barcoding is increasingly used as a diagnostic tool in phytosanitary laboratories. The EPPO Standard PM7/129 ‘DNA barcoding as an identification tool for a number of regulated pests’ was published on 2016-11-28 and provides guidance on the use of the DNA barcoding protocols in support of the identification of a number of regulated pests and invasive plant species comparing DNA barcode regions with those deposited in public sequence databases.

The Workshop ‘Use of DNA barcoding, from theory to practice’ builds on the recommendations of the EU and Euphresco projects ‘Quarantine organisms Barcoding of Life (QBOL)’ and ‘DNA Barcoding - Optimizing and validating DNA barcoding protocols for plant pests’ and will provide information on the most recent advancements on the method and will allow potential users of DNA barcoding to be trained on tools for data analysis, that can critically influence the outcomes of DNA barcoding for pest identification. Videos showing some extracts of one of the previous Workshops is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrewrfHpP0FuJT1TO9u7WjQ>

We would appreciate it if you could circulate this information in your country and encourage those interested to register.

Registration

Registration should be made using the following links:

- **Workshop in Paris (FR)**, 2018-10-09/12: <http://meeting.eppo.int/index.php/Y5630>
- **Workshop in Wageningen (NL)**, 2018-12-11/14: <http://meeting.eppo.int/index.php/C5637>

Please complete your pre-registration by 2018-06-30. Registration will be confirmed by the 2018-07-15. A registration fee to cover lunches will be requested. The amount will be announced closer to the date of the meeting.

Accommodation: Please note that you will have to make your own hotel booking. A list of recommended hotels will be provided soon.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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