2016 International Year of Pulses

VISION (proposed):
To realize the full value of pulses in achieving sustainable nourishment for the world

2016: International Year of Pulses

Phase I: FAO Council – April 2013
Phase II: FAO Conference – June 2013
Phase III: UN General Assembly – December 2013

NEXT STEPS
• Assignment of Lead Agency (FAO)
• Creation of International Stakeholder Committee
• Determination of Theme Areas and Activities
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KEY MESSAGES (proposed)

Pulses:
• Are nutrient dense
• Are a good source of non-animal protein
• Are very high in fiber
• Have more protein and fiber than any other vegetable
• Use half the non-renewable energy inputs of other crops
• Are a low carbon footprint food
• Improve the sustainability of cropping systems

OBJECTIVES (proposed):

• Increase pulse contribution to daily protein needs
• Increase in pulse production by small land holders/women farmers to improve food security in high risk areas

OBJECTIVES (proposed):

• Increase global awareness/interest of consumers, governments, food industry and NGOs in pulses and their health, nutrition and environmentally sustainable benefits

• Increase awareness among consumers, food industry and governments of the link between pulse consumption/diet quality and management of non-communicable diseases
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OBJECTIVES (proposed):

• Develop an internationally coordinated health and nutrition research strategy through engagement with governments, researchers, NGOs, associations, etc.

• Improve the regulatory framework in which trade occurs to enhance food security and reduce price volatility

Only 3 Previous Food International Years

2013: International Year of Quinoa

Scientific symposium held at Washington State University – August, 2013

• 100 registered attendees from 23 countries

• 4 guest Bolivian farmers

• IMPACT???
2013: International Year of Quinoa

What’s a “queen-ah”?

Proposed Theme Areas

- Food Security
- Market Access & Stability
- Production & Environmental Sustainability
- Health, Nutrition & Food Innovation

IYOP 2016 Initiatives

Creating Awareness

Production & Food Security

OBJECTIVES (proposed)

- Highlight the role of pulse crops to facilitate international development goals
- Increase global pulse acreage, increase food security
- Engage governments to promote pulse research
- Development of international pulse productivity strategy

Production & Environmental Sustainability

Proposed Initiatives

- Research
  - Sustainable Ag Initiative Platform Project
  - Breeding and Agronomy Research Strategy
- Engage
  - Production, Agronomy and Genetics Symposium
  - Pulse Sustainability Symposium
- Communicate
  - Develop and Communicate Strategy

2016
Food Security

Proposed Initiatives

- School Food, Child Nutrition
- Value Chain Development
- Develop New Partnerships, Country-specific Activities
- International Pulse Symposia
- Special Sessions at General Audience Conferences

2016

Research
Engage
Communicate

Telling the Pulse Story

Who are the intended audiences?
- Fellow researchers, scientific community
- Governments
- Educators
- General public
- Others?

Region-specific Stories?
Identify Prospective Conference Partners

Crop Science
Society of America

Soil
Science Society of America

American Society for Nutrition
www.nutrition.org

The Sackler Institute
for Nutrition Science

Science
AAAS

We need your input!

• Conference/event partnership ideas
• Initiative ideas
• Ideas for specific country engagement
• Nominate organizing committee members

MEETING IN SASKATOON, July 2014

Implications for Global Research Funding

Funding Plan
• $1.1 Million pledge from CICILS
• $15-20 Million in external pledges

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