Interest Group in Agricultural Data (IGAD) Pre-Meeting P11

At Leibniz-Gemeinschaft in Chausseestraße 111, 10115 Berlin (Germany) from March 19 to 20, 2018

The IGAD Pre-Meeting P11 will focus on the FAIR principles to all elements of the research process in agricultural sciences and related disciplines

What is IGAD?

Since its inception in 2013, the Interest Group on Agricultural Data (IGAD) has grown in community strength to over 170 members, and is now one of the Research Data Alliance's most prominent Thematic Groups. IGAD is a domain-oriented group working on all issues related to global agriculture data. It represents stakeholders involved in managing data for agricultural research and innovation, this includes those producing, aggregating and consuming data. IGAD also promotes good practices in research with regards to data sharing policies; data management plans; and data interoperability. In addition, it is a forum for sharing experiences and providing visibility to research and work in agricultural data.

One of the IGAD's main roles is to serve as a vehicle that leads to the creation of domain-specific Working Groups. To date, four successful Working Groups have been formed under IGAD, these are – Wheat Data Interoperability, Rice Data Interoperability, AgriSemantics and On-Farm Data Sharing. These Working Groups played an active role at the last RDA 10 in Montreal (Canada).

Our last meeting in Montreal

The IGAD Pre-Meeting took place on 17-18 September 2017, prior to the RDA 10th Plenary. It was hosted by University of Montreal and supported by GODAN (The Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition). At the P10, IGAD brought 64 data experts together, from different countries and continents. The pre-meeting program was rich and covered diverse fields in particular on seven key topics: (i) AgriSemantics, (ii) Wheat and Rice Data Interoperability and other Crops' Research Data, (iii) Data Quality and Management Planning, (iv) Capacity Development in the Context of Research Data in Agriculture, (v) Climate and Weather Data, (vi) On-Farm Data Sharing, and (vii) Metrics and Indicators in Agricultural Science.

The conclusions of the pre-meeting were brought to the RDA Plenary during the IGAD session by the chairs of each discussion/working group. The presentations and outcomes of the event were published in the Open Knowledge in Agricultural Development (OKAD) channel on F1000Research:

We would like to invite you to the next Interest Group in Agricultural Data (IGAD) Pre-Meeting P11 that will be held at Leibniz-Gemeinschaft in Chausseestraße 111, Berlin (Germany), from March 19 to 20, 2018.

March 19 will be dedicated to the theme "*the FAIR principles to all elements of the research process in agricultural sciences and related disciplines*" together with the reporting of the WGs related to IGAD about activities undertaken during the last six months. You can be an active part of the meeting by attending and participating, but also by delivering a short presentation (10') in relation to the FAIR principles in the agricultural domain and their implementation in your organization and/or network(s). If you are interested, please send the *title and a short abstract* **before the 15th of January 2018.**

March 20 will be dedicated to the working groups already associated to IGAD and to those under evaluation, such as "capacity development". The following are the working groups:

1. Wheat Data Interoperability Working Group
2. Rice Data Interoperability Working Group
3. Agrisemantics Working Group
4. On-Farm Data Sharing Working Group
5. Metrics and Indicators in Agricultural Sciences BoF
6. Capacity Development

Please let us know which of the working groups above you would like to join **before the 15th of January 2018.**

We welcome your contribution and involvement in this pre-meeting.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Berlin,

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Link to the IGAD page at the RDA website:
https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/agriculture-data-interest-group-igad....