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Co-operative Research Programme: Biological Resource Management for Sustainable Agricultural Systems
History and Purpose

• Co-operative Research Programme was **established in 1979** to:
  • Provide a sound scientific knowledge base to agricultural policy-making
  • Contribute to an informed public debate on current and emerging agri-food issues
  • Promote scientific understanding and standards between major regions of OECD

• Today the CRP objectives are anchored in BOTH policy and science in the fields of food, agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
## Participating Countries
24 of the 34 OECD Members

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Program Structure 2010-2014

Commenced a new 5 year mandate 2010-2014

Organised into three themes:

• Theme 1: The Natural Resources Challenge
• Theme 2: Sustainability in Practice
• Theme 3: The Food Chain
• Two types of activities:
  • travelling research fellowships
  • conference and workshop sponsorship
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Why was this meeting supported?

• Clearly addresses an important topic. Need to ensure ongoing capability to address global challenges in food security and sustainability - highly relevant to OECD interests.
• Well prepared proposal which hits a priority area, included a defined program, an impressive speaker list which draws on expertise across multiple CRP participant countries.
• Conference proceedings will be published in policy relevant format.
• Interaction with Theme Coordinator and secretariat in finalising proposal.
Fellowships....

• Travel between 24 OECD members (airfares/living expenses)
• Require a PhD or equivalent and permanent position (*not a Postdoc*)
• No Age limit, but seek a balance of early career and senior Fellows
• Duration; 6-26 weeks
• Applications for 2015 Fellowships and Conferences/Workshops close:

  September 10, 2014
Program management

Program is managed by a:

- **Science Advisory Body**
  - Comprised of six scientists from around the world
  - evaluates proposals, ensures science quality,
  - makes recommendations on fellowships and workshops for support
  - 2 members oversee each Theme

- **Governing Body**
  - composed of a representative from each participating country,
  - defines the general orientation and strategic direction
  - Gives final approval on investments based on SAB recommendations

- **National Correspondents**
  - Contacts/ advisors in each participating country
Workshops, Conferences

- **Publication of proceedings** of sponsored workshops or conferences – special journal editions, books
- **Policy document** from each conference outlining relevance to OECD’s Policy Agenda
- Evaluation **Questionnaires** on each Conference and Fellowship

Fellowships

- **Report** on substantive outputs as a result of the Fellowships.
- **Reports and Publications** received from Fellows after end of Fellowships.
Applications must relate to the Selection Criteria:

- Relevance (CRP and Policy)
  - Excellence
  - Multi-disciplinary
  - Feasibility
  - Dissemination
  - Impact

For Further Information

www.oecd.org/agriculture/crp
CRP Countries represented in this Workshop

Australia, Canada, Hungary, Netherlands, Japan, Spain, United Kingdom, United States

Your Evaluation Questionnaires are important to the future of the CRP