

**1<sup>st</sup>. Announcement**  
**Regional Workshop and Training course**  
**Management of Septoria tritici blotch (STB)- *Zymoseptoria tritici***  
**Tunisia April 20-25, 2018**

**Wheat-CRP**, Tunisia STB-Precision Phenotyping Platform (TunSPP) lead by CIMMYT, in partnership with ICARDA, the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture (IRESA) and in collaboration with National and International research institutions and universities, is set to provide precision phenotyping of durum wheat *Zymoseptoria tritici* (Septoria leaf blotch-STB), to train young scientist and research support staff on Septoria management, to mentor/supervise graduate students research, to establish linkages amongst various stakeholders, raise awareness on IPM and responsible use of pesticides, and to advise farmers on STB management.

TunSpp in collaboration with its partners will organize the 3<sup>rd</sup>. regional workshop and training course in Tunisia (April 20-25, 2018). The primary objective would be for participants attending the workshop to share information; get acquainted with TunSPP field and laboratory STB-phenotyping, pathotyping, and genotyping research activities.

The general program would be as follows:

1. **Workshop:** Current and future research on *Zymoseptoria tritici* (April 20-25, 2018)
  - April 20-21, 2018; 2 invited key note speakers; Oral and poster presentations
  - April 22, 2018: visit of STB platform and farmers field day, **Closing**
2. **Technical training** course (April 23-25, 2018)
  - April 23, 2018: Breeding for disease resistance and germplasm development
  - April 24, 2018 Epidemiology of STB and laboratory manipulations
  - April 25, 2018: Field assessment of STB & disease survey; **Closing training**

Venues & logistics	Workshop Organizing committee
<p><b>Workshop</b> at El Mouradi Hotel, Gammarth La Marsa  <b>Training</b> at INAT (Tunis), CRRGC (Beja), and INGC (B.Salem)            Registration dead line February 15, 2018            Abstracts- dead line March 1, 2018  <b>Workshop Registration fee:</b>            *<b>500 dinars</b> (covers workshop documents, coffee breaks, Lunches, and local transport).            **<b>Hotel</b> payment (Workshop rate) to be ensured by participants  <b>Training course</b>            Interested participants should register by January 31, 2018.            Maximum of 20 candidates will be selected.</p>	<p>Ms. Sarrah Ben M'Barek-CRRGC; Chair            Mr. Meher Somarani- SOMAGRI; Co-Chair            Ms. Sonia Hamza-INAT; Member            Mr. Moez Fakhfakh-CMA; Member            Mr. Romdhane Nasraoui-INGC; Member            Ms. Hanane Chaabane- AT3E; Member            Ms. Safa Kumari- ICARDA; Member            Mr. Amor Yahyaoui-CIMMYT; Member</p>

Organizers will assist with visa acquisition (if needed) and hotel reservation. To receive detailed program, registration forms, and personal invitation, please confirm your attendance with Dr. Sarrah Ben M'Barek (workshop) [sarrah\\_bm@msn.com](mailto:sarrah_bm@msn.com), and Dr. Amor Yahyaoui (training) ([ah.yahyaoui@cgiar.org](mailto:ah.yahyaoui@cgiar.org))