

Invitation to subscribe to the Plant Breeding Forum (PBForum-L)

GIPB (<http://km.fao.org/gipb/>) is pleased to announce the launch of the **Plant Breeding Forum** listserv, an e-mail based forum for plant breeding and related fields. The purpose of PBForum-L is to create a means for plant breeders and those in related fields to interact easily on a regular and informal basis, with inquiry, discussion and debate. PBForum-L complements PBN-L (Plant Breeding News, a monthly e-newsletter) and the *Global Forum* feature of the GIPB website.

Who will benefit by subscribing?

The users of PBForum-L should include public and private-sector plant breeders, students, teachers, research administrators, the seed industry, policy-makers, farmers, and others.

Some of the ways you can use the forum:

- Pose a question
- Ask for advice about your research
- Request collaboration in a project
- Comment or seek input on an issue of broad relevance to the plant breeding community
- Suggest ways to support the positive outcomes from plant breeding
- Make known to subscribers your willingness to provide input and support in an area of expertise

In order to participate you will need to subscribe:

1. Address an e-mail to: maillserv@mailserv.fao.org.
2. Leave the subject line blank.
3. In the message area, type: SUBSCRIBE PBForum-L
4. You can unsubscribe at any time

You will receive a confirmation message of your subscription, and details on how the listserv works.

PBForum-L is a *moderated* listserv:

The moderator will check each message prior to distribution, to prevent issues like spamming, flaming or other inappropriate postings. You will not need a username or a password. However, the moderator will require that each message include the name of the sender. These measures will make the listserv very user-friendly, and keep it relevant and free of distractions for subscribers. The forum structure and function will evolve based on user inputs and needs.

In order to post a message:

1. Address it to PBForum-L@fao.org
2. Write a short descriptive subject line
3. State the specific purpose of your posting. Type a brief and clear question or comment.
NOTE: You can post items in the language of your choice. However, there will be no translation.

To respond to someone else's posting: simply use the *reply* function of your e-mail.

Questions? Write to the PBForum-L moderator: clair.hershey@fao.org

SIGN UP TODAY!

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