

Joint CEE/GRACE Evidence Synthesis Training Workshop Announcement

Introduction to Evidence Synthesis

14th November 2014, Cape Town, South Africa

Evidence synthesis approaches, such as systematic reviews (SR) and systematic maps (SM), represent powerful tools to identify, collect, summarise and appraise primary research in an objective, transparent and repeatable manner.

This one-day workshop teaches the basis of good-quality SRs and SMs; starting from question formulation, searching, screening, critical appraisal, data extraction and synthesis, through to the various possible outputs (maps, reports, policy briefs, etc.).

It coincides with the ISBGMO conference in Cape Town from the 9th-13th November and complements the symposium on “Evidence Synthesis: A new tool informing the impact assessment of GMOs” given on the 13th of November in the frame of ISBGMO.

The workshop is designed to provide a practical guideline for a wide audience, ranging from review commissioners, stakeholders, potential authors, and anyone interested in the different methods and uses of SR and SM step by step.

Participants will also learn about the supportive role of the “[Collaboration for Environmental Evidence](#)” (CEE) in high-quality evidence synthesis. CEE involvement begins at the initiation of a review process with the registration of a review protocol and its peer review.

Furthermore, participants will be familiarized with the open-access database CADIMA (Central Access Database for Impact Assessment of Crop Genetic Improvement Technologies), which supports review teams and stakeholders in preparing, undertaking and using SRs and SMs.

More detailed information regarding the workshop content can be found under “<http://www.grace-fp7.eu/content/additional-information-cee-systematic-review-training-workshop-isbgmo>”

Workshop format: Presentations and talks by an experienced SR and SM expert, practical exercises and discussion sessions.

Location and date: The workshop will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in South Africa on 14th November 2014.

Registration: Please follow the link “<http://www.grace-fp7.eu/content/joint-ceedgrace-evidence-synthesis-training-workshop>”

Deadline for registration: 29th August, 2014

Registration fee: 205 € fee for one day workshop (includes full delegate benefits of the CTICC, including a buffet lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments).

Maximum Participant number: 25

The workshop requires a minimum of 15 participants to proceed. In the unlikely event that a minimum of 15 paid participants has not been reached by the 29th of August 2014, the workshop will regrettably be cancelled with full refunds.

Methods of payment: Payment of conference fees in Euros (€) must accompany all registration forms. No registration will be confirmed until payment is received. Payment can be made by bank transfer or Paypal.

Paypal: This is our preferable way of payment as costs are lower.

Bank transfer: If you decide to pay by bank transfer, please select the checkbox "payment by bank transfer" in the registration form. A copy of the bank receipt should be sent by e-mail to payment@genius.de after you have completed the registration. Please note that bank transmission fees have to be paid by the transmitter.

Cancellation of registration: Cancellations have to be made in writing only. In the case of cancellation before the 29th of August, 2014, 100% of the registration fee shall be refunded; thereafter no refund can be made.