Oat Global
and associated projects

Nick Tinker,
and the Oat Global Strategy Team
1. The oat R&D community is too small to afford isolation or regionality.

2. Many challenges in oat production and processing are global, and transferability of knowledge across geographies is key to success.

3. Advanced technologies are too complex or expensive for one group to develop and adopt them all in isolation.

4. Scientific expertise must be continually evaluated, rejuvenated, and expanded. This is best done through community-wide consultation (and possibly, coordinated funding).

5. This is the era of “big data” and “global connectivity”: open data, and shared platforms for knowledge management and data analysis are critical.
• The oat community deserves cohesive strategies and unifying platforms to transform biological science and technology to production and processing for the benefit of the global oat value chain.

• Oat Global shall be a strategy forum driven by the leaders of the oat public and private community.
  – Across agencies, institutions, and corporations.
  – Across national boundaries.
  – For all oat types and segments.
  – Operating exclusively in the pre- (or non-) competitive space.

• Oat Global shall provide a unifying platform for open knowledge, open data, strategy, and resource sharing.
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<td>- Created upon need to execute funded initiatives or to connect initiatives across organizations</td>
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<td>- Accountable for delivery of their project objectives and for open and transparent communication</td>
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• Any “oat worker” able to represent a significant stakeholder domain, and willing to catalyze activities of the GLOBAL oat R&D community may join, regardless of their organizational affiliation, professional degree, or career phase.

• Those who join shall commit to be active participants and to operate in the best interest of the community as a whole.

• Participants shall self-fund their participation, and ensure that their role complies with policies and regulations of their own organization.

• Committee roles will be appointed on an annual basis by majority vote within the committee itself.
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Strategy Committee: Membership

• **Gabe Gusmini (PepsiCo - NAMA)**
  – Oat Global Chairman
• Ben Boroughs (NAMA)
  – Oat Global Treasurer
• Catherine Howarth (Aberystwyth Univ.)
  – Oat Global Secretary
  – European Research Community Liaison
• Luiz Federizzi (UFRGS)
  – Latin American Research Community Liaison
• Nick Tinker (AAFC)
  – Canadian Research Community Liaison
• Pamela Zwer (SARDI)
  – Australasian Research Community Liaison
• Michele Marcotte (AAFC)
• Jack Okamuro (USDA-ARS)
• Jose’ Costa (USDA-ARS)
• Wade Hainstock, Jim Dyck (POGA)
• Bruce Roskens (Grain Millers)
• Bill Tracy (University of Wisconsin)
• Greg Cuomo (University of Minnesota)
• Kenneth Grafton (North Dakota State Univ.)
• Daniel Scholl (South Dakota State Univ.)

We invite others to join!
Oat Global Projects

- T3/Oat Database
- Public Oat Genotyping Initiative (POGI)
- Oat Rust Initiative
- Oat Newsletter
- Oat Genome

Facilitation, liaison
• Public database of germplasm, phenotypes, genotypes, and maps
• Led by Jean-Luc Jannink and the T3 team from TCAP
• Full time oat curator Clare Saied (will help you get data in or out!)

[Link to Triticaceae tool box website: triticeaetoolbox.org/oat/]
The Public Oat Genotyping Initiative (POGI) is an ongoing project to carry out high-density genotyping of oat breeding lines submitted by public sector breeding programs. Fourteen North American breeding programs submitted a total of 1,427 lines to the 2015 project. Library construction and sequencing was carried out in USDA-ARS Fargo. The Haplotag pipeline, developed by Tinker et al. (2016), was used for GBS SNP calling. Pedigree information and genotype data from the 2015 POGI are now publicly available through T3/Oat.

- 14 public North American breeding programs
- 2015: 1427 breeding lines
- GBS data called with Haplotag (> 241,000 SNPs)
- See poster for evaluation of SNP loci and genomic predictions
• Central repository for biological data in small grains (inc. oat)
  • Relational database; many data types
• Long-term funding by USDA – ARS
• GrainGenes staff are active in research communities:
  • Collaborations and hosting infrastructure
  • Oat Newsletter; Oat Global; T3/Oat; Plant and Animal Genome
  • Oat curator, collaborator, newsletter developer: Gerard Lazo
Getting started – the Oat Rust Forum (2015)

- Partnership with **Stakman-Borlaug Center (SBC) for Sustainable Plant Health at U. of Minnesota** with sponsorship from **North American Millers’ Association (NAMA) and PepsiCo**
- 30+ scientists and research leaders attended and recommended a coordinated initiative
- Roadmap for the initiative was created.
• PepsiCo, General Mills, Grain Millers, Richardson Milling, U. Minnesota, and NAMA --- funded Board of Directors, and hiring of SBC to lead.

• The Oat Rust Initiative (ORI) started in 2016 with a second forum
  – focused on creation of project teams and charters (see below):
  – Teams, if funded, will execute research within the ORI framework.

• Targeting US federal funding as well as other government, academic, and private entities in Canada and other countries.

Teams and charters:

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See Charlene Wight’s Poster!
Saied, C. et al.

Yimer, B.A. and K. Esvelt Klos.
Number 7. PCR-Based High-resolution Melt Markers for Pc genes/QTL. Part 1: SNPs linked to QCr.cdl11-13A, QPc.crc-14D, Pc58a, and Pc91.

Saied, C. et al.

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Montilla-Bascón, G. et al.
Number 4. Free polyamine and polyamine regulation during pre-penetration and penetration resistance events in oat against crown rust (*Puccinia coronata* f. sp. *avenae*).
International Oat Conferences/Hosts

The next IOC meeting will be held 11-15 July, 2016, in St. Petersburg, Russia. Details can be found in section.

Previous International Oat Conferences/Hosts:

- 2012 Beijing, China (CAAS)
- 2008 Minneapolis, MN, USA (UMN)
- 2004 Helsinki, Finland (MTT Agrifood Research Finland)
- 2000 Christchurch, New Zealand (New Zealand Institute for Crop & Food Research Limited)
- 1996 Saskatoon, SK, Canada (CDC, U. Saskatchewan)
- 1992 Adelaide, Australia
- 1988 Lund, Sweden
- 1985 Aberystwyth, UK (University College of Wales)
- 1982 State College, PA, USA (Penn State)
Community News

Oat News Hall Of Fame
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Oat Recipes

Community News

27 May, 2016

- Plan for a New Food Revolution - Vern Burrows
- Postdoc funding opportunities, Aberystwyth University, UK - Catherine Howarth

16 December, 2015

- An Open Letter from Chris Green, Oat Innovations: Oats 2020 Tailpiece
- Door decorating contest at the Ottawa Research and Development Centre, AAFC
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research centres get new names

12 November, 2015
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@OatNewsletter Tweets

Tweets by @OatNewsletter

Gluten free oats for @GlanbiaAqri are standing well but ripening slowly. Doesn't look like a July harvest this year.

Latest Forum Topics:

Oatnews Website improvements
What oat adversities do you commonly encounter?

Upcoming Events

• 10th International Oat Conference, St. Petersburg, Russia.
  07/11/2016 to 07/15/2016
• Growing the Grass Classification: Celebration of Derek Clayton's 90th Birthday and Discussion about the Future of GrassBase, London, UK
  07/18/2016 to 07/19/2016
• IHARF Crop management field day, Indian Head, Saskatchewan
  07/19/2016
• 20th Eucarpia General Congress, Zurich, Switzerland
  08/29/2016 to 09/01/2016
This is me talking about genomics and #oat #cropwildrelatives at ORDC, @AAFC_Canada during #DoorsOpenOttawa today!
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