



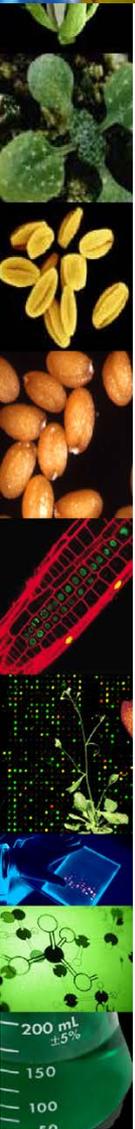
# Saclay Plant Sciences LabEx



## Kick-Off meeting

# Research Working Group

October 13, 2011



# Group Members

**HIRT, Heribert**



**URGV**

Group coordinator

**HODGES, Michael**



**IBP**

Projects coordinator

**CRESPI, Martin**



**ISV**

**HOFTE, Herman**



**IJPB**

**BOUCHEZ, David**



**IJPB**

We discuss & make propositions to the Executive committee  
We do not make final decisions

# Discussions

**2010 – before SPS project submission**

SPS Research axes

SPS Research program - *Flagship projects*

**2011 – after SPS project acceptance**

SPS Research grants - *Call for projects*

# SPS Research Axes

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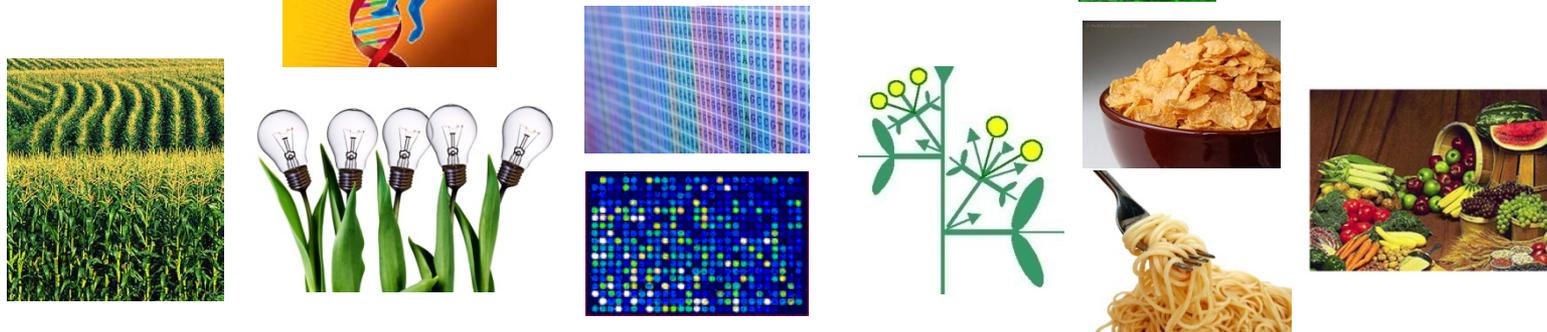
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# SPS Research Axes

1. Sustainable intensification of plant productivity in a fluctuating environment



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2. Plants as factories: improving plant quality for food, feed, health, environment & industry



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3. Plants to understand biological mechanisms

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3. Plants to understand biological mechanisms
4. Developing new resources & biotechnology for research, translation & innovation



# SPS Research Axes

## Sustainable intensification of plant productivity in a fluctuating environment

### Examples:

- Tolerance to abiotic stress
- Tolerance to biotic stress
- Yield & lower inputs
- Symbiont interactions



# SPS Research Axes

**Plants as factories : improving plant quality for food, feed, health, environment & industry**

Examples:

Understanding complex metabolic pathways

Biomass biosynthesis & energy production

Green chemistry (oils, proteins, ligno-cellulose)

Secondary metabolites & quality proteins for nutrition & health



# SPS Research Axes

## Plants to understand biological mechanisms

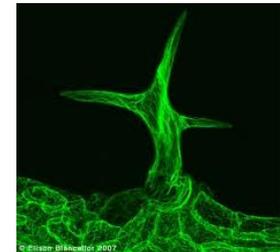
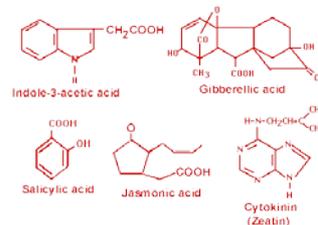
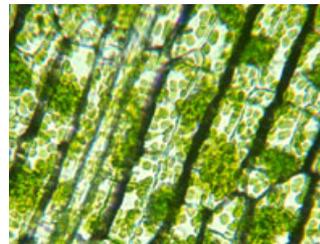
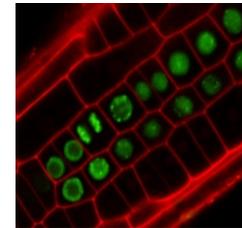
### Examples:

Meiosis, cell cycle & division

Hormone action, signalling cascades

Plant organogenesis, plant development

Genome structure, dynamics, epigenetic regulation



# SPS Research Axes

**Developing new resources & biotechnology for research, translation & innovation**

Examples:

High throughput phenotyping

New sequencing technologies

Computing & modelling

Biotechnology & prevalorisation projects

Tools for translational biology



# SPS Research Programs

## Flagship projects

4 large collaborative & integrated projects

1 project per SPS Research Axe

*Evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board after 4 years*

*Mid-term report to evaluate progress of the project*

# SPS Research Programs

## Flagship projects

### Integrative analysis of stress responses

*(Heribert Hirt & Sebastien Aubourg, URGV)*

### Metabolic interactions and fluxes for improved plant-biomass quantity and quality

*(Guillaume Tcherkez & Michael Hodges, IBP)*

### Epigenetics and ncRNA-mediated regulation

*(Martin Crespi & Hervé Vaucheret, ISV/IJPB)*

### Modelling developmental mechanisms

*(Patrick Laufs & Philippe Andrey, IJPB)*

# SPS Research Programs

## Flagship projects

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## Research grant program

# SPS Research Grant Program

**3 types of Project – 1 call per year**

**2 PhD** (3-year salary + 15K€/year)

**1 Post-doc** (2-year salary + 15 K€/year)

**Equipment** (up to 15 K€)

*To support & encourage innovative research*

*To strengthen scientific interactions*

*To support excellent young researchers*

*To help develop new approaches/technologies*

*To fund risky, explorative, interdisciplinary projects*



# SPS Research Grant Program

## The « salary » projects

Processed by the *Research Working Group*

Evaluated by external & internal reviewers

*RWG* proposes a classification to the *Executive Committee*

*Executive Committee* makes final decision by consensus

## The « equipment » projects

Processed & classed by the *RWG*

*Executive Committee* makes final decision by consensus

# SPS Research Grant Program

## Conditions

Projects must be relevant to at least 1 SPS Research Axe

Collaboration between SPS teams is welcomed



# SPS Research Grant Program

## Conditions

Projects must be relevant to at least 1 SPS Research Axe

Collaboration between SPS teams is more than welcomed

## Reply to the call

*Requires a short CV of project leader & key publications*

*Requires a list of persons involved & supplementary financial support*

*Requires a Project description  
(context/objectives/program)*

5 pages max



## Thematic axes relevant to the project:

- Sustainable intensification of plant productivity in a fluctuating environment
- Plants as factories: improving plant quality for food, feed, health, environment and industry
- Plants to understand fundamental biological mechanisms
- Developing new resources and biotechnology for research, translation and innovation

## Collaboration between SPS teams:

Yes

No

If yes, number & names of the research teams and Institutes involved in the project

**Teams**

**Laboratories (IBP, IJPB, ISV, URGV)**

**Title of the project:**

**Acronym:**

**Key words:**

**Scientific coordinator(s)** (SURNAME First name, Institution, Laboratory):

**Type of project (select only one type):**

- PhD (3-year salary + 15 K€ / year)
- Post-doc (2-year salary + 15 K€ / year)
- Equipment (up to 15 K€)

**Requested budget for equipment:** €

**Supplementary financial support for the project (source(s) and amount(s)):**



## Persons involved in the project

1) CV of the project leader (*1 page maximum*):

2) Selection of publications of the project leader (*10 maximum*):

3) Scientists involved in the project

Name	Institution	Lab	Function	HDR (yes/no)	Degree of involvement in the project
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Description of the project (context, objectives, program, references...) (*3- 5 pages maximum*)

# SPS Research Grant Program

## Calendar

Presentation - Open call



October 13

Submission deadline



February 15

Results



April 30

Start of projects



July – end of 2012