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**From June 11 to June 18, 2023 the [11th International Congress of the IHSG](#) - International Herbage Seed Group will be held in France, organized by FNAMS (French Seed Growers' association) in collaboration and with the support of the partners of the French seed industry. This scientific congress will allow international actors of the forage and turf seed industry to exchange on production issues but also to share solutions to promote this exceptional industry!**

France is the world's leading exporter of agricultural seeds of all species and the leading European producer with 403,000 hectares. The French seed sector employs 17,000 people.

The production of fodder and turf seeds is carried out by 4,165 seed growers, 12 breeding companies, 50 production companies and 3174 distribution companies. This production generates a turnover of 307 M€. Every year, about 55 new varieties are created to meet the needs of the markets.

The French forage and turf seed industry has a long history of international cooperation and participates in various scientific and technical conferences, including IHSG. IHSG was created in 1978 to encourage cooperation and communication between international scientists involved in the production of forage grass seed (ryegrass, fescue, bromegrass, cocksfoot, etc.) and turf seed, as well as in the production of forage legume seed (mainly clover and alfalfa).

The issues encountered in seed production are often common to the different producing countries.

Approximately 60 papers will be presented, addressing the following 4 topics.

- ✓ What research is being conducted by producing countries to adapt seed production to climate change?
- ✓ How to develop new alternatives to pesticides for organic or conventional production?
- ✓ What practices can we share to optimize harvest and post-harvest?
- ✓ How can we improve the competitiveness of production regarding cost inflation?

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120 participants will join the event (scientists, breeders, research and technical institutes, seed multipliers), coming from 20 different countries in order to share their knowledge during conferences and technical visits.

**The congress will take place in 2 parts:**

- From June 11 to June 14 in Angers and its surroundings: conferences and technical visits
- From June 15 to June 18: Post Technical Tour in Centre-Val de Loire and Grand-Est regions (Aube and Marne).

**Registration for the conference is open with preferential rates until March 15, 2023.**

The International Herbage Seed Group Congress is co-organized by the main actors of the French seed industry and placed under the High Patronage of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty.

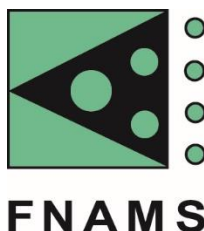
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