

Letter of introduction

Montpellier SupAgro is an International Center for Higher Education in Agriculture Sciences. The academic staff is part of the local scientific community involved in research on agriculture, food, biodiversity, environment and rural societies. Montpellier SupAgro proposes a full training course program strongly adjoined to the Agropolis Int'l research units.

This is why, as a member of Agropolis International, Montpellier SupAgro supports the proposal by Agropolis International to hold TD the Taxonomic Database Working Group. Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) 2009 annual meeting.

This meeting could be an opportunity :

- to exchange ideas and projects between TDWG experts and the scientific community of Montpellier that represents the world's greatest concentration of skills and expertise in fields related to agriculture, food, biodiversity, environment and rural societies ;
- to explain the aims of two flagships projects of Agropolis Foundation, PI@ntnet and Arcade.

We hope that the proposal by Bioversity International and Agropolis International will be successfully considered by your organization

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