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Next Generation Barley Varieties Meeting

Close to 40 barley researchers, growers, maltsters and brewers from the U.S. and Canada gathered two weeks ago to discuss priorities and funding possibilities for next generation barley variety development. The meetings, which were sponsored by the North Dakota Barley Council, were held in Fargo, ND at the Radisson Hotel April 5-7. Those attending were from the Alberta Barley Commission, the Brewing and Malting Barley Research Institute and FP Genetics in Canada; the American Malting Barley Association, Arcadia Biosciences, Busch Agricultural Resources LLC, Cargill Malt, the Idaho Barley Commission, Malteurop North America, MillerCoors, the Minnesota Barley Research and Promotion Council, the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee, the North Dakota Barley Council, North Dakota State University, Riverland Ag, USDA-ARS and Westbred LLC in the U.S. Expert speakers highlighted topics including traditional and emerging barley variety development methods, the effect of economic and global issues on barley variety development and current trends and key traits important to barley variety development. A key focus of the meeting was group discussion and planning for possible future cooperative projects. An initial meeting to broach these topics was held last year in Banff, Canada, and the group tentatively set another meeting in 2012, in San Diego, CA in conjunction with the Plant and Animal Genome Conference and the Triticeae Coordinated Agricultural Project meeting.