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IDP BRIDGES: Bridging Plant Sciences and Policy

Welcome to all:

Symposium cum Workshop on
Participatory Research to foster
Innovation in Agriculture (Individual
Training Workshop)

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IDP BRIDGES: **NEW Innovative** **Doctoral Program** at the interface of plant science and policy

- *Nov 2013 – Oct 2017*
- **ETH Zurich (coordinator)**, University of Zurich,
University of Basel
- **FP7 Marie Curie Actions**
- Managed by the
Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center





IDP BRIDGES – focus on translational research and training

- **Translational Research** = *Research integrated into the political process through involvement of stakeholders from the science-policy interface in the research process*
- **14 PhD fellows** do their research and training together with **14 principal investigators** and **22 partners** from science-policy or science innovation interface





IDP BRIDGES – Pillars of the Program

- ✧ **Training** : A unique training curriculum
- ✧ **Tandem PhD Project**: PI and partner from science-policy interface **supervise** together the fellow
- ✧ **Secondments** of PhD students at the partner organisation: advise the fellow to translate their research into policy or innovation outcome





How it all started

- **2009 TRAINING:** SNSF ProDoc Plant Science and Policy (**10 PhD students**)
- **2010 FELLOWSHIPS:** Pioneering “Bridging Plant Science and Policy”, Mercator Foundation Switzerland (**4 fellowships**)
- **2013 FELLOWSHIPS:** FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IDP BRIDGES, European Commission (**14 fellowships**)
- **2014 TRAINING:** PhD Program Science and Policy continues (**+45 PhD students**)





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