



"Harnesstom at the annual congress of the Italian Society of Agricultural Genetics"

The 66 Annual Congress of the Italian Society of Agricultural Genetics took place in Bari, Italy from the 5th to the 8th of September (<https://sigaannualcongress.it/>) with a stimulating scientific program (https://sigaannualcongress.it/programme_copy/) under the topic "Climate-smart plants to feed the Future".

Four HARNESSTOM partner institutions participated as keynote speakers or presenters. Prof Yuliling Bai from Wageningen University WUR gave a keynote presentation entitled "Impaired plant susceptibility genes in resistance breeding: from concept to cultivars", where she discussed the approach of targeting breeding effort to target susceptibility genes rather than classical resistance genes in order to achieve more durable resistance to old and new diseases in tomato. On the other hand, Prof Mara Ercolano from UNINA and designated eucarpia president talked about "EUCARPIA: current progressive future opportunity for plant breeding". EUcarpia de European association for research in plant breeding aims to promote scientific and technical co-operation in the field of plant breeding in order to foster its further development. As part of this activity Prof Mara Ercolano discussed general or specific problems from all fields of plant breeding and genetic research. Other Harnesstom partners from ENEA and UNITUS presented their work on tomato in corresponding specific sessions.

HARNESSTOM coordinator gave the final presentation at the closing ceremony of the SIGA Congress where he presented an overview of the new plant breeding technologies and their role in present and the future of plant /tomato breeding.





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