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## **Outline**

- ☐ The Wheat Initiative
- ☐ The WheatIS Expert Working Group
- Data standards
- □ Data discovery



## The Wheat Initiative



https://www.wheatinitiative.org



# **Background**

- ☐ Proposed by research and funding organisations from several countries
- ☐ Endorsed by the G20 Agricultural Ministers to contribute to improving world food security
- ☐ Launched on 15 September 2011





# Challenges and vision

- ☐ The world wheat production is not meeting the necessary future demand:
  - food demand will increase by 60% by 2050, while yields are stagnating
  - wheat is particularly susceptible to climate change.
- ☐ Support the development of a global wheat public-private research community sharing resources, data, knowledge to improve wheat productivity, quality and sustainable production around the world.



# **Srategic Research Agenda**





## Meeting the Challenges Facing Wheat Production: The Strategic Research Agenda of the Global Wheat Initiative

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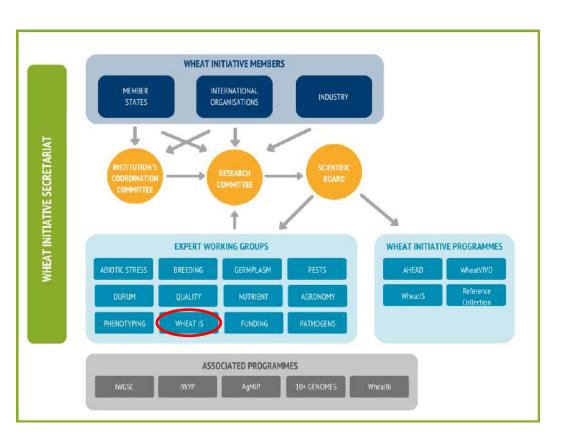
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## **Organisation**







# The Wheat Information System Expert Working Group



http://www.wheatis.org/



# Community

Building an expert working OPINION ARTICLE group approved with reservationsl Taner Z. Sen<sup>1</sup>, Mario Caccamo<sup>2</sup>, David Edwards<sup>3</sup>, We Hadi Quesneville<sup>4,5</sup> ☐ Seeking help from other + Author details communities (RDA) Abstract □ Surveys single portal that allows search, retrieval, and display of globally distributed wheat data sets that are indexed in standard data formats at servers around the world. The web portal at WheatIS.org was released publicly in 2015, and by 2020, it expanded to 8 geographically-distributed nodes and around 20 organizations under its umbrella. ☐ Fundings for meetings In this paper, we present our experience, the challenges we faced, and the answer we brought for establishing an international research community to build an informational infrastructure. Our hope is that our experience with building ☐ A successful result



wheatis.org will guide current and future research communities to facilitate institutional and international challenges to create global tools and resources to help their respective scientific communities.

https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.23525.1



□ Outreach

## Website



About

This project aims at building an International Wheat Information System, called hereafter WheatIS, to support the wheat research community. The main objective is to provide a single-access web base system to access to the available data resources and bioinformatics

This project is based on the principles listed below:

- · Collective building of the WheatIS to better respond to the needs of the international wheat community;
- · Incremental implementation to offer rapidly an operational information system;
- · Emphasis on Quality Assurance to serve as a framework for an approach with incremental implementation;
- Promotion of an open-access model for data exchange;
- Reliance on a distributed system;
- Use of Virtual Machine and Cloud Computing technologies to facilitate sharing data and
- Promotion of the visibility of each participating platform to contribute to their sustainability.

If you have questions regarding this Wheat Information System project, please contact: wheatis-contact @ wheatis.org

Help desk: If you have questions regarding this Wheat Information System project, please contact wheatis-contact @ wheatis.org

#### Tweets by @WheatIS



http://www.wheatis.org/



## **Data standards**





## RDA Wheat Data Interoperability Working Group

- ☐ Building on existing standards and practices
- ☐ Converging towards the recommendations
- □ Dissemination
  - Website
  - Agroportal for wheat ontologies
- □ Adoption



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## Website

### Wheat Data Interoperability Guidelines



#### Welcome

These recommendations have been prepared by members of the Wheat Data Interoperability Working Group (WG), one of the WGs of the Research Data Alliance and the only WG of the Agriculture Data Interoperability Interest Group. The group is coordinated by members of the Wheat Initiative, a global initiative that aims to reinforce synergies between bread and durum wheat national and international research programmes to increase food security, nutritional value and safety while taking into account societal demands for sustainable and resilient agricultural production systems. All the standards and databases presented in these recommendations are referenced into the FAIRsharing website.

#### More specifically, the WG aims to:



Promote the adoption of common standards, vocabularies and best practices for Wheat data management



Facilitate access, discovery and reuse of wheat data



Facilitate wheat data integration

#### Guidelines

Under the submenus of this section you will find information on the best practices, tools, recommendations and examples to create, manage and share data related to Wheat. It includes subsections for each of the following data types: What are currently the most used and relevant vocabularies in the context of Wheat Initiative?

From December to 2014 to January 2015 the editorial team conducted a survey "Towards a Comprehensive Overview of Ontologies and Vocabularies for Research on Wheat". The objective was to collect information about the visibility, interoperability, domain, content and other technical aspects of relevant ontologies and vocabularies. As a result, in February 2015 a report (link) was published, and also a list of vocabularies listed as follows:

- 1. AGROVOC
- 2. Biorefinery
- 3. CAB Thesaurus (CABT)
- 4. Cell Ontology (CL)
- 5. Chemical Entities of Biological Interest (ChEBI)
- 6. Crop Ontology (CO)
- 7. Crop Research Ontology part of Crop Ontology (CO\_715)
- 8. Environment Ontology (ENVO)
- 9. Experimental Factor Ontology (EFO)
- 10. Feature Annotation Location Description Ontology (FALDO)
- 11. NAL Thesaurus (NALT)
- 12. Phenotype And Trait Ontology (PATO)
- 13. Plant Experimental Conditions Ontology (Plant Environment Ontology, EO, may be changing to PECO)

#### Use cases



Links

Clic on the titles for details

1. QUERY ON TRIAL DATA ASSOCIATED WITH VARIETIES



3. IDENTIFICATION OF WHEAT GENES THAT CONTROL ROOT GROWTH

- 4. QUERY DATA BY GERMPLASM/GENOTYPE
- QUERY PHENOTYPE TRIALS TO BUILD INTEGRATIVE DATASET FOR PHENOTYPE OR GENETIC ANALYSIS.
- 6. QUERY ON GERMPLASM WITH SPECIFIC TRAITS

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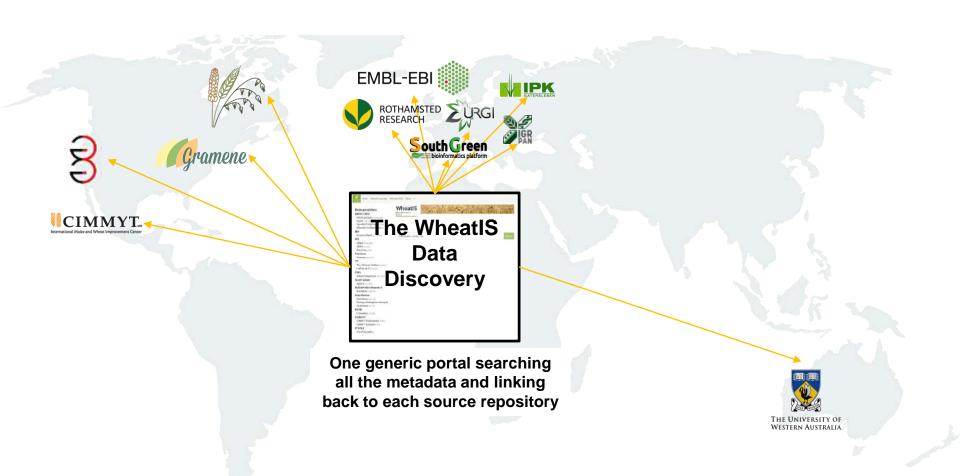
# **Data discovery**



https://urgi.versailles.inrae.fr/wheatis



# Federated data portal

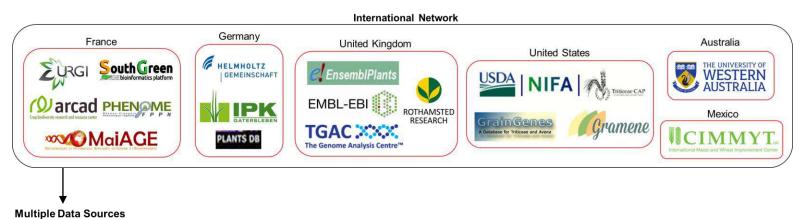


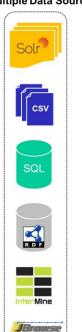


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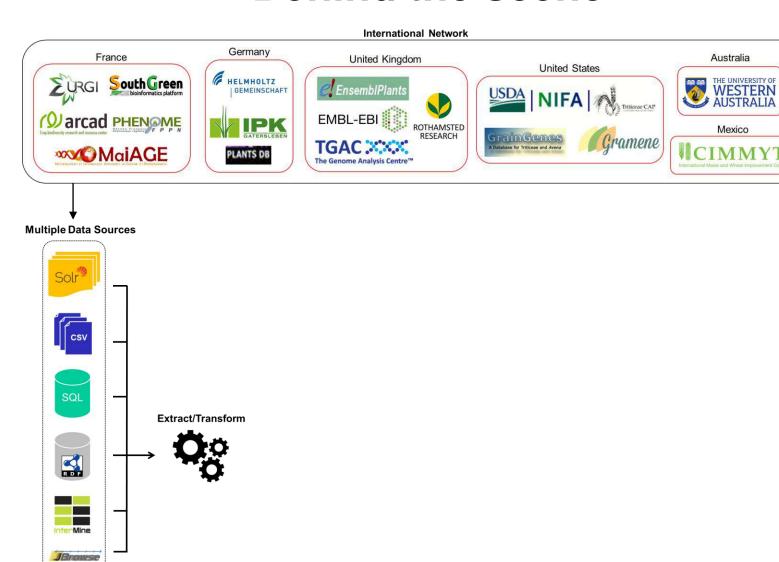
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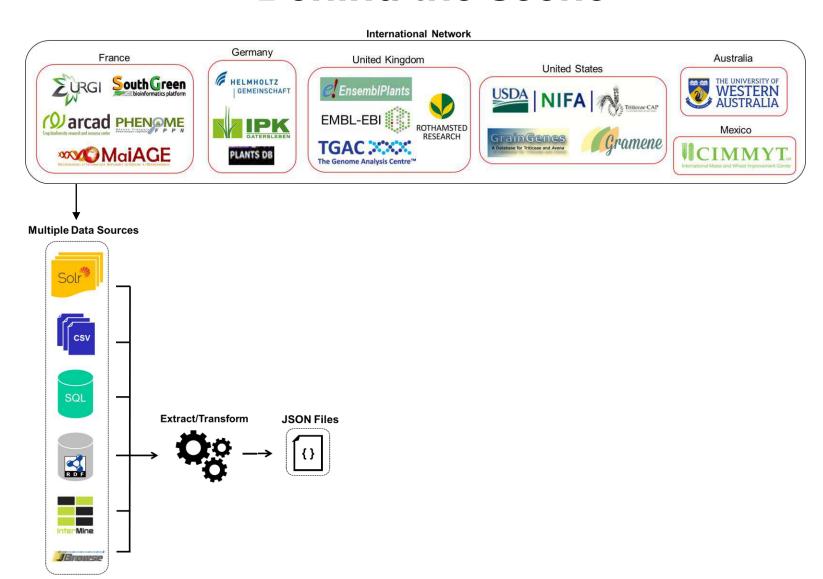




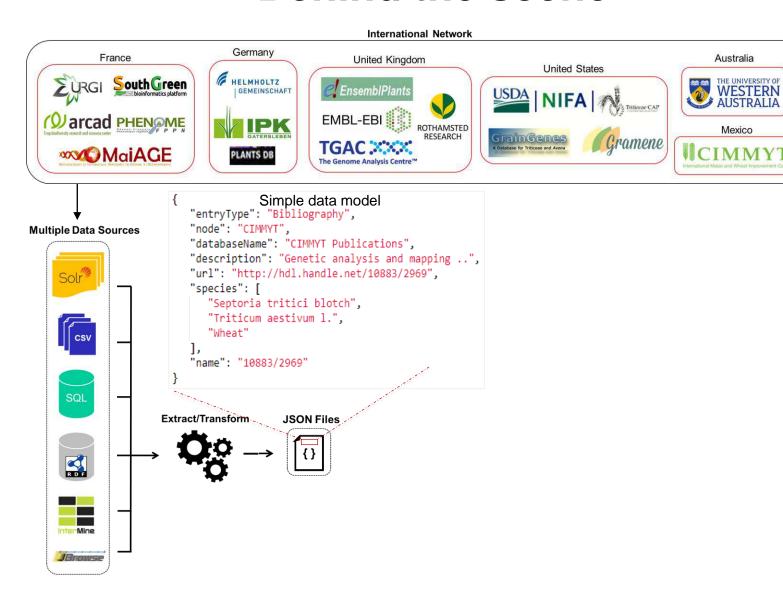




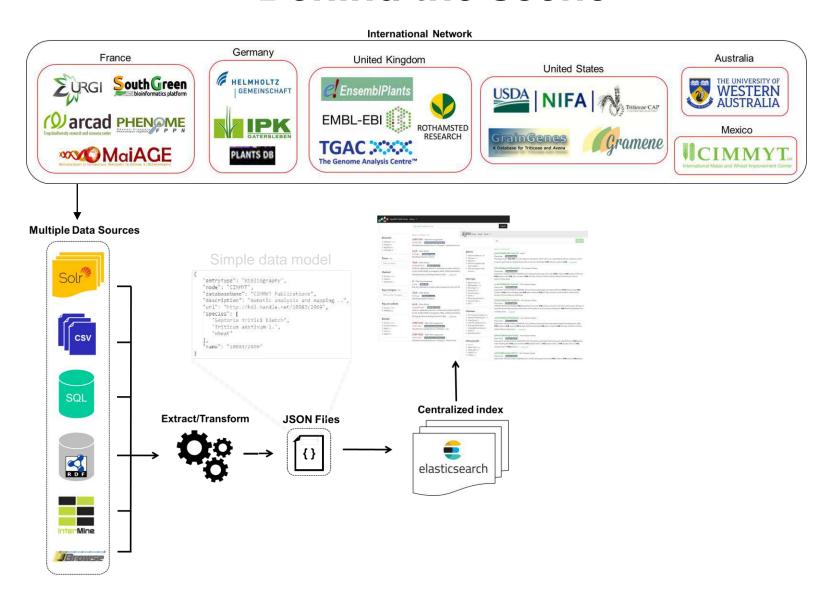




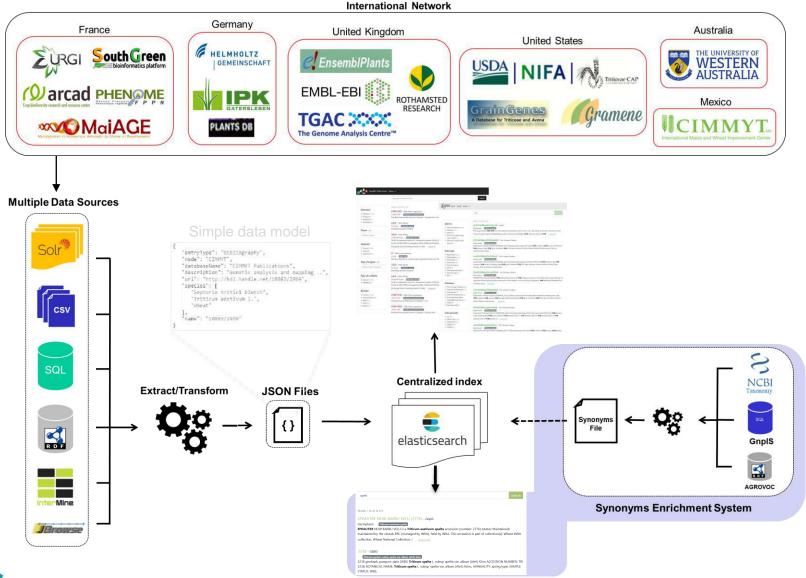




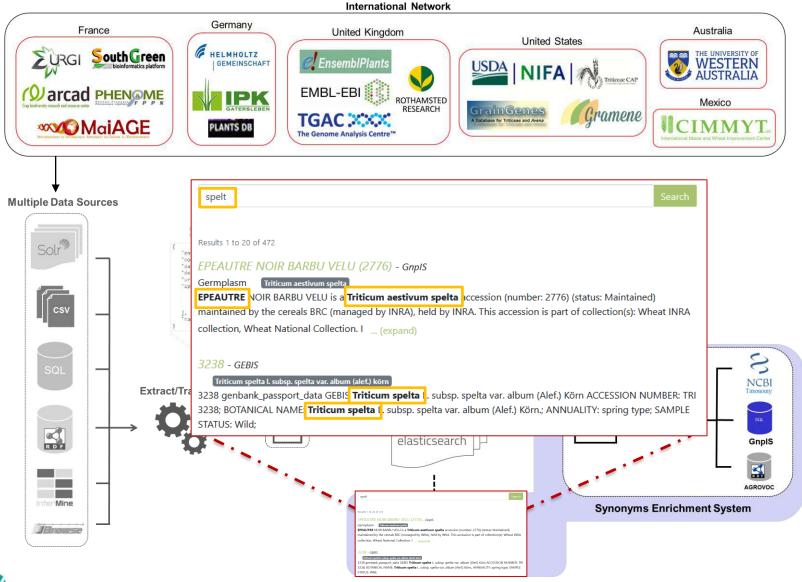


















# Data exchange format

## Field

- name
- url
- description
- entryType
- species
- node
- databaseName

## Status

- mandatory

## Cardinality

- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1-\*
- 1
- 1

## Constraints

- unique
- none
- none
- cf. list in doc, recom.
- cf. Species list below
- same for all a dataset
- none
- WheatIS species list: Aegilops\*, Hordeum\*, Triticum\*, Wheat\*
- Format: JSON or TSV, as you wish!
- Web server: HTTP of FTP, as you wish!
- The up-to-date format is always available at <a href="https://urgi.versailles.inrae.fr/wheatis/join">https://urgi.versailles.inrae.fr/wheatis/join</a>



#### Data providers

#### **INRAE-URGI**

IWGSC@GnpIS [19,195,264]

GnpIS [642,142]

OpenMinTeD@GnpIS [1,589]

WheatIS File Repository [6]

#### EBI

Ensembl Plants [1,168,762]

#### **IPK**

CR-EST [199,220]

GEBIS [51,302]

MetaCrop [355]

#### Gramene

Gramene [229,851]

#### T3

The Triticeae Toolbox [206,406]

UniProt by T3 [16,607]

#### UWA

Wheat Pangenome [167,167]

#### South Green

AgroLD [137,060]

#### Rothamsted Research

KnetMiner [108,474]

#### GrainGenes

GrainGenes [20,190]

Komugi wheat gene catalog by

GrainGenes [3,119]

#### **PGSB**

CrowsNest [13,324]

#### CIMMYT

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#### **IPGPAS**

PlantPhenoDB [6]

## WheatIS

Wheat Information System

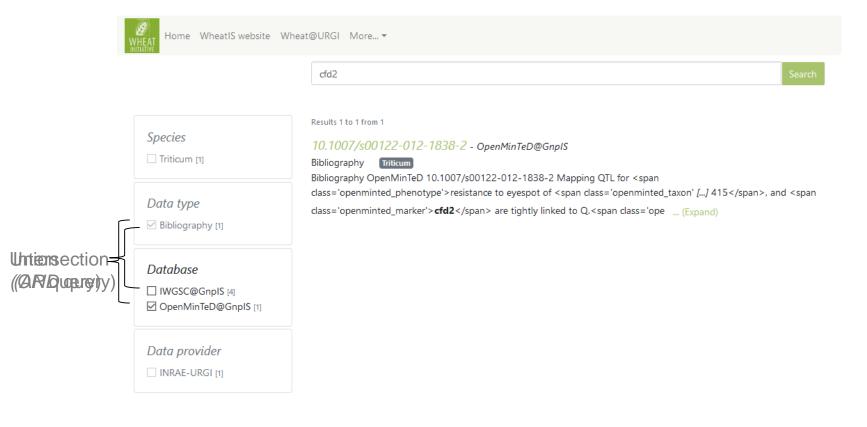


Examples: yield, fhb

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10.1007/s00122-012-1838-2 - OpenMinTeD@GnpIS

Bibliography Triticum

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Location: 2A:100.113.981-100.117.432

Gene: TraesCS2A02G151900 Trans: TraesCS2A02G151900.1

#### Gene-based displays

#### 

 Splice variants Transcript comparison

Gene alleles

☐ Secondary Structure

Gene families Literature

□ Plant Compara

Genomic alignments

- Gene tree

Gene gain/loss tree

 Orthologues Paralogues

└ Homoeologues Pan-taxonomic Compara

Gene Tree

└ Orthologues 

GO: Biological process

- GO: Cellular component GO: Molecular function

Phenotypes

⊟ Genetic Variation

 Variant table Variant image

└─ Structural variants

Gene expression

Pathway Regulation

External references

Supporting evidence

☐ Gene history

Configure this page

Custom tracks

Export data

Share this page

Bookmark this page

Ensembl Plants is produced in collaboration with Gramene

#### Gene: TraesCS2A02G151900

EnsemblPlants 

→ HMMER | BLAST | BioMart | Tools | Downloads | Help & Docs | Blog

Uncharacterized protein At3g57150 (Fragment) [Source:Projected from Arabidopsis thaliana (AT3G57150) Description

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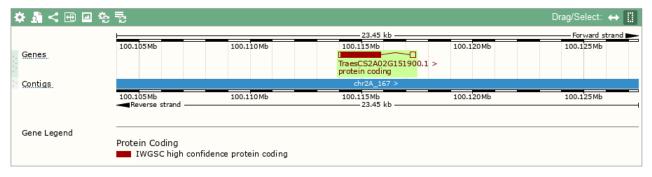
**Transcripts** 

#### Summary @

Gene type Protein coding

Annotation method Genes annotated with high confidence by IWGSC

Go to Region in Detail for more tracks and navigation options (e.g. zooming)



Ensembl Fungi

#### **1** Configuring the display

Citing Ensembl Genomes

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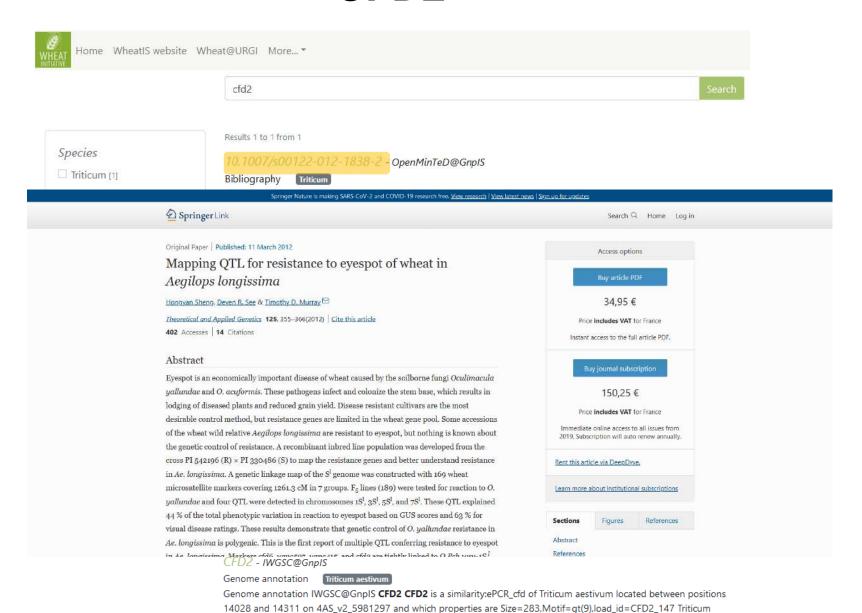
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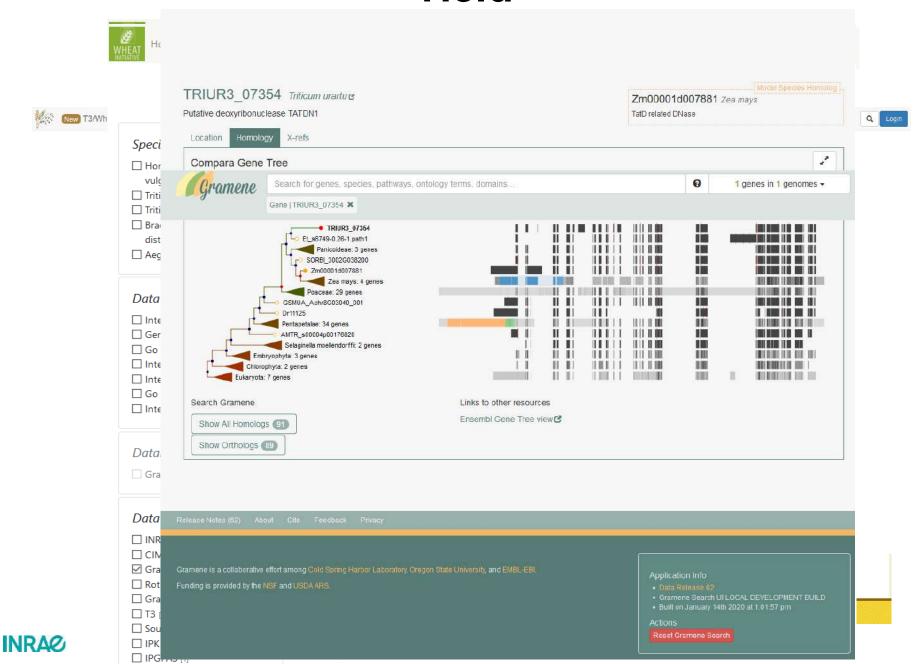
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aestivum similarity



## **Yield**



# New features: ontology annotation

- □Link literature with experimental data (genotyping, phenotyping...) using ontology annotation
- □Corpus of ~1600 wheat open access publications
- ☐ Text mining ontology: Wheat Trait Ontology <a href="http://wheat.agroportal.lirmm.fr/ontologies/WHEATPHENOTYPE">http://wheat.agroportal.lirmm.fr/ontologies/WHEATPHENOTYPE</a>
- ☐ Semantic facet filtering



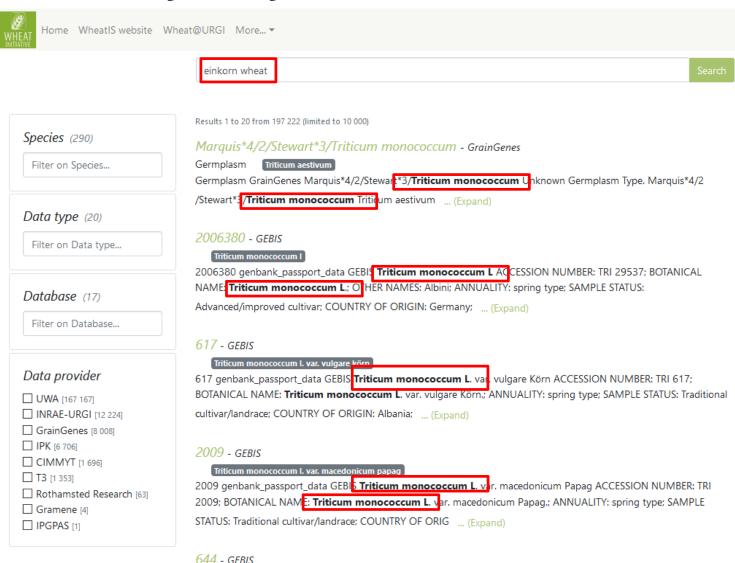
# New features: URL derefeencing

All search parameters and filters are available in the URL for later direct reference, ie.:

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# New features: synonym enrichment



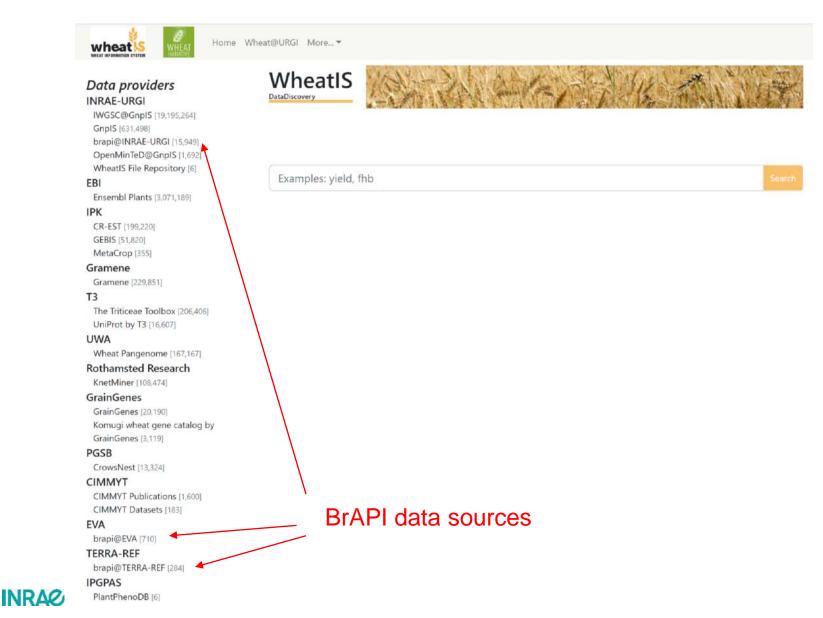
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BOTANICAL NAM : Triticum monococcum L, var. vulgare Körn.; ANNUALITY: spring type; SAMPLE STATUS: Traditional

Triticum monococcum I. var. vulgare körn



# New features: addition of BrAPI sources



# How to contribute/join



Note that since the tool makes a backlink to your information system, we need a URL allowing researchers to get detailed information about the indexed entry directly in your information system.

# Overview of the metadata associated to each searchable entry/document

- a short <u>name</u> identifying uniquely the entry, ie. BTH\_Le\_Moulon\_2000\_SetA
- an url linking back to the entry in your own web application, ie. <a href="https://urgi.versailles.inrae.fr/ephesis/ephesis/viewer.do#trialCard/trialId=56">https://urgi.versailles.inrae.fr/ephesis/ephesis/viewer.do#trialCard/trialId=56</a>
- a description, of the entry that contains all the relevant keywords allowing to find your entry. All the terms of this field are used by the search tool to allow users to find entries
- an entryType describing the type of the entry, that could be any of the terms listed in the dedicated section below
- a species field, containing the species related to the entry (zero, one or several, but it is highly recommended to provide at least one)
- a node, the name of your laboratory/institute, it should be the same for all the entities you manage
- a databaseName, the name of the database from which the entry has been extracted. It can differ from one entry to another if you handle several databases

### Detailed specifications for the metadata fields

#### name



The value of the name field must be unique in your own dataset and should be clear enough to help scientists to identify at the first glance this entry among the other.

Status	Cardinality	Constraints
Mandatory	1	Unique

# **Perspectives**

### Perspectives

#### 2023

#### Monitor outgoing traffic towards partner databases

This metric will trace the impact of the WheatIS data portal, hence promoting its use.

#### Display date of last data update

Make the data loading process smoothier and display the date of the last data update in the web interface.

#### Long term perspectives

#### Extend ontology annotation

The 2020 ontology annotation feature is expected to be extended to other kind of documents (any document containing a supported ontology term) as weel as using other ontologies (such as Wheat Crop ontology, Plant Ontology or Wheat Trait and Phenotype Ontology).

#### Allow search for exact phrases

Allow searching group of terms linked together, ie. "fusarium head blight". Currently, any of the 3 terms are searched independently, resulting in a lot of false positives.

#### Review the storage of data

Currently the data is stored next to the code into Git LFS. We plan to review this approach to reduce the storage cost.

#### Download results

Add a download feature allowing to get batch results in a tabulated and/or JSON format. Number of results to be clarified.

#### Add Bioschemas.org sources

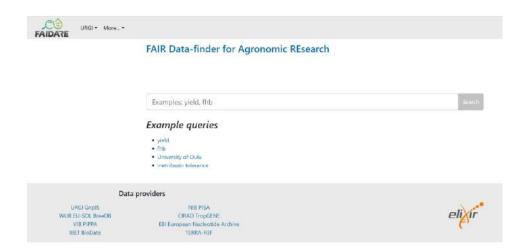
Web pages resources marked with Bioschemas.org annotations will be indexed in the frame an ELIXIR infrastructure commissioned service.

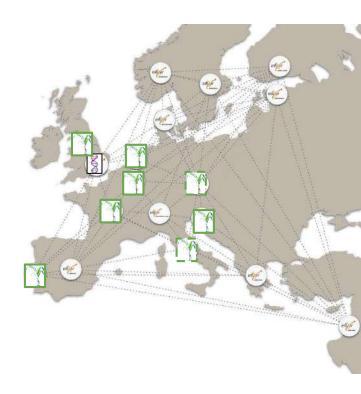


# Beyond WheatIS: other species/communities

FAIDARE

- ☐ ELIXIR: European Infrastructure for life science
- ☐ ELIXIR Plant Data Search Service: FAIDARE
- Data repositories federation extends WheatIS
- ☐ FAIDARE is global, beyond Elixir





https://urgi.versailles.inrae.fr/faidare/



## **FAIDARE**



☐ IPK [1]

FAIDATE URGI * More *		
	Examples: yield, fhb	
Species (163)	Results 1 to 20 of 10,000	
Filter on Species	All Germplasm	
	BQ794645 - GnpIS	
Taxon group (1,828) (Vitis [5,015,574] ×	Marker Vitis vinifera L BQ794645 is a PCR marker from taxon Vitis vinifera L.	
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	BQ794757 is a PCR marker from taxon Vitis vinifera L.	
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