

LegumePlus in the US



Following the end of the four-year-long EU funded LegumePlus research project, its coordinator Prof. Irene Mueller-Harvey of Reading University will be presenting results in America. Prof. Mueller-Harvey will give a presentation at the Synergy in Science: Partnering for Solutions meeting at the Minneapolis Convention Center from 15-18 November.

The meeting, hosted by American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society

of America, will host more than 4,000 scientists, professionals, educators, and students. The key objectives of LegumePlus are to further investigate how bioactive forage legumes, in particular sainfoin and birdsfoot trefoil, can improve protein utilisation in ruminant livestock farming and the ability of these legumes to combat parasitic nematodes. Prof. Mueller-Harvey's presentation will summarize current knowledge relating to tannin containing legumes and conclude with a wish-list for 'ideal' tannin containing forages. It will emphasize that robust and stable tannin concentrations and compositions are required in addition to high yield, good weed suppression and resistance to climatic stress.

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