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The latest issue of the Legume Legacy Newsletter iccludes features details of the secondments of Raniel Valencia and Meret Kaspereit at Cotswold Seeds and FarmED.

Raniel and Meret gained hands-on experience with the day-to-day operations at Cotswold Seeds Ltd. including listening to calls from farmers, observing how orders are processed, and learning how the company software system supports seed mixing and customisation. The doctoral researchers also assisted in preparing both standard and farmer-specific seed mixtures and contributed to knowledge sharing through a farmer-focused article for the company's website, a video, and an interview for Farmers Weekly.

Further, at FarmED, they became familiar with the work on linking good food and farming practices through regenerative agriculture by attending various courses, farm walks, and lunchtime talks, and by joining the operations of their partner, The Kitchen Garden People (a Community Supported Agriculture program). In addition, the doctoral researchers also attended Groundswell, a regenerative farming event, where they had the chance to network and learn a lot more about regenerative farming from farmers, scientists, other organisations and companies. This experience provided the doctoral researchers with a comprehensive understanding of the farm-to-fork approach and its practical application.

Also inlcuded in this issue:

- The secondments of Rouven Lattener at Danko and Poznań University of Life Sciences in Poland
- Update on LegumeLegacy’s field experiments

LegumeLegacy aims to adapt existing mixed or ruminant based production systems, using state of the art knowledge from ecology, agronomy, statistics and other fields to minimize greenhouse gas emissions, nutrient inputs and leaching (and costs), while increasing carbon stocks, biodiversity and yield stability. To achieve this, an exceptional and distinctive strategy of LegumeLegacy includes a common experiment across multiple LegumeLegacy sites and 11 Doctoral Researchers who collaborate on the common experiment and have their own distinctive and complementary research objectives.

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