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1. CIAT Partner Wins CGIAR Award

The Colombian Federation of Plantain Producers (FEDEPLATANO) received the Innovation Marketplace Award for Outstanding Innovative Partnership Program from the CGIAR during its recent annual general meeting held in Mexico City.

2. E-Learning Course on Germplasm Conservation

A new multi-institutional distance education course on ex situ conservation of plant genetic resources has proved to be an exciting learning experience, not just for participants, but for the staff conducting the course. Launched in August of this year, the pilot learning venture was developed jointly by CIAT, the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), Colombia's National University in Palmira, and REDCAPA, an e-learning provider with over 10 years of experience.

3. HarvestPlus and IAEA Announce Call-for-Proposals for a Research Coordination Project

HarvestPlus (one of the CGIAR's Global Challenge Programs) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) announce the release of a call-for-proposals for a Research Coordination Project on the following three themes: effect of cooking methods on the bioefficacy of β -carotene-rich sweet potato, zinc bioavailability in high-zinc wheat, and measuring plant ferritin levels. <http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/biotechnology/index.htm#harvest>

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