

6th November 2019

Invitation to visit Teagasc, Environment, Soils and Land-Use Department Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford, Ireland for a research workshop from 1st -8th December 2019.

Dear Sir,

As Senior Researcher at Teagasc, Environment, Soils and Land-Use Department at Johnstown Castle, I am pleased to invite Dr. Cristina Macchi from IRET - National Research Council, to my institution for research development workshop from 1st to the 8th of December 2019.

Teagasc, Environment, Soils and Land-Use Department will collaborate with IRET- National Research Council to implement the proposed research studies being conducted within the successful MSCA - Research Leaders 2025 project entitled "*GrassGen: Genetic fingerprinting of grassland soils*". This project aligns with areas for research interest by both institutions and focuses on building new insights to the cycling and supply of nutrients in grassland soils by soil microbiological communities.

For this reason I consider this initial visit of Dr. Macchi essential to for mutually starting a fruitful research collaboration between Teagasc and IRET- National Research Council. During her visit Dr. Macchi will lead a seminar on the activities related to the European projects SUBSED (LIFE17 ENV/IT/000347), AGRISED, (LIFE17 ENV/IT/000269) and ZEOWINE (LIFE17 ENV/IT/000427).

Teagasc will provide facilities for the research workshop and access to Teagasc research facilities, to Dr. Macchi, including access to technical equipment, training on genetic analysis techniques and computing and office facilities at Teagasc, Environment Research Centre in Johnstown Castle.

Yours Sincerely,



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