As 2016 draws to a close, the BGRI takes a look back at some of the people and stories that made this an exciting year. And we feature a blog post about Dr. Pablo Olivera and his work in Ethiopia.

**From the BGRI blog: Pablo Olivera**

Dr. Pablo Olivera summed up one of the issues facing the world's wheat yields; "It's not just a Ug99 problem, it's a rust problem."

[Read More and watch the presentation...](#)

**Other news from the past year from BGRI...**

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Women in Triticum

Over past newsletters the BGRI has provided updates about Women in Triticum Award winners and what they are up to now. We will continue this effort in 2017, here are the links to the profiles published this year:

Esraa Alwan
Jemanesh Kifetew Haile
Caixia Lan

Upcoming Events

Soft Skills at the Punjab Agricultural University in India
A soft skills workshop in scientific communication; from publishing to making the next career move, 21 March to 24 March 2017
School of Agricultural Biotechnology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India
https://www.jic.ac.uk/international-partnerships/soft-skills-workshop/

DGGW Wheat Blast Training Workshop, hosted by CIMMYT and Sathguru.
5 February - 17 February 2017
Dhaka, Bangladesh
For more information, contact Maricelis Acevedo.

13th International Wheat Genetics Symposium
23-28 April 2017
http://iwgs2017.boku.ac.at/

Rust Workshop held in conjunction with the 29th Fungal Genetics Conference
Asilomar, California, 14 March 2017
For more information, contact Sebastien Duplessis

Research Updates
Coming Soon...

The BGRI is very excited about new resources and tools that will be coming online in 2017. In January, we will unveil online access to the Art and Science of Pathology and Wheat Breeding. Led by the world’s foremost breeders and pathologists these online courses are designed for early and mid-career wheat researchers. Stay tuned and have a safe, happy holiday season!

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