

SUMMER FLOURISH

As the summer has peaked, many of us find ourselves taking well-deserved holidays, leaving the office quieter than usual. While the hustle and bustle may have slowed down indoors, outside, our experimental fields with multispecies swards are thriving, basking in the warmth and flourishing in full summer glory. The season brings a vibrant reminder of the growth and vitality that continues, even in our absence.

Linn Huser



COMING UP

In mid-September LegumeLegacy will be holding its fourth training event! The event is taking place at the Poznan University of Life Sciences in Poland. It is set to be an exciting week including presentations on cereal and grass breeding strategies, statistical modelling, and plant root traits. There will also be an excursion to the Brody Experimental Farm, and opportunities for networking during our Social Dinner. We are looking forward to an informative and socially engaging week!

Rouven Lattner

FIELD UPDATES

In Zurich, Switzerland, Prasanth and his group have just conducted the fourth harvest of the grassland stage. Like the site in Denmark, root samples have been successfully taken in July and August, using the monolith method.

In Reading, UK, the field season is still going as well. Raniel recently had the chance to present his work to a group of Chinese students during a summer school, being able to talk about the benefits of using diverse forage mixtures in a crop rotation.

In Denmark many kinds of measurements are continuously taking place. Three out of five harvests have been completed so far, including the 15N labelled subplots to determine nitrogen fixation and the measurements of different leaf traits. Between harvests, measurements as the species composition, the plant height and the phenological development are taken regularly. The root samples that were taken previously are soon to be finished being washed.

At the Brody site in Poland the third and last harvest has recently already been successfully finished and the fourth and last harvest at Szelejewo is also just around the corner.

Everybody is keeping up the good work to finish the season and the grassland stage with hopefully a lot of insightful results.

Meret Kaspereit



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