



#IYP2016 and the year ahead from Burleigh Dodds

In our first newsletter of 2016 we focus on the **International Year of Pulses (IYP)**. Francis Dodds in his blog explains just **why pulses matter**. Burleigh Dodds is proud to support research on the world's key crops. We share a link with our new **FocusOn** pages which will be an invaluable resource to the research community.

Finally we look ahead to some of the key **conferences** and **events** in 2016 relating to IYP around the globe.

Why do pulses matter?

In his latest blog Francis Dodds looks at the 2016 International Year of Pulses and asks why do pulses matter?

60 million tonnes a year are grown in some of the most challenging soil environments and Francis explains just how important pulses are across the world.

[Read the blog here](#)

Year of the Pulse

The United Nations declared that 2016 would be the International Year of Pulses.

The FAO has been nominated to facilitate the implementation of the year working with governments, NGOs and other stakeholders to highlight the importance of pulses.

[Read about the Year of Pulses here](#)

'FocusOn' Innovation

Burleigh Dodds is pleased to announce the launch of a new resource on our website.

The 'FocusOn' pages are a unique resource for the research community. The first of these, focussed on maize, provides essential information on the key issues and how research is addressing them.

[View the new FocusOn pages here](#)

The Year Ahead

2016 is an exciting year ahead for the agricultural research community and here at Burleigh Dodds we'll be providing and updating information on conferences and seminars that share the most up to date and interesting research opportunities.

We start by looking at events relating to the International Year of Pulses 2016. [Click here](#) to view the listing.