The 16th congress of the African Association for Biological Nitrogen Fixation (AABNF) will organize in collaboration with The Moroccan Association of Microbiology of Microbiology (AMM) The « Ecole Normale Supérieure», The « Laboratoire d'Amélioration de la Productivité des sols et Environnement » will organize in collaboration with The African Association for Biological Nitrogen Fixation (AABNF) and the 4th congress of the Moroccan Association of Microbiology (AMM).

Under the Topic of Soil Biofertilization and Sustainable Development

From 2 to 6 of November 2014
At the Ecole Normale Supérieure - Rabat - Morocco

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African soils are relatively poor in nitrogen and other elements needed by the plants. To meet the needs of crops and improve their performance, the farmers are forced to amend continually soils with chemical fertilizers which are expensive and constitute a major source of problems for the environment.

The use of bio-fertilizers is an alternative to fertilize the soil, and remedy the adverse effects of the application of chemical fertilizers. For example, the use of symbiotic nitrogen fixing microorganisms, PGPR and mycorrhizae as inocula, represents a clean and environment respectful agricultural biotechnology. Other microorganisms also contribute to improve crop growth and yield through production of hormones, increased nutrients assimilation and protection against plant pathogens.

The Moroccan Association of Microbiology (AMM) and the African Association for Biological Nitrogen Fixation (AABNF) will organize jointly the 16th Congress of the AABNF and the 4th Congress of the AMM under the theme of integrated soil fertility management.

This symposium, organized in cooperation with the “Ecole Normale Supérieure”, Mohamed V-Agdal University, and other partners, will consolidate the first version of the ISFM1 organized in Nairobi in 2012 by the AABNF, the AFRINOM and the AFnet.

This event will constitute another forum for the exchange of experiences as well as scientific and technological results and will also offer to young researchers the opportunity to share their results with the scientific community.

The congress will attempt to bring the light on the state of the art about recent research carried out in the area of biological nitrogen fixation, mycorrhization and soil microbial fertilization and to discuss the practical results obtained in Africa and in other regions of the world, including Mediterranean and tropical environments. The possibilities of biotechnological applications will be presented and commented on.

The participation of sustainable development actors (farmers, foresters, development agents, policy makers, etc…) is strongly requested to discuss and comment on all the possibilities of applications of the results presented.

**Topics:**
- Recent advances on the diversity and the Evolution of nitrogen systems fixing;
- Symbiotic plants - microorganisms Interactions;
- The PGPR and their applications;
- Place of symbioses actinorrhizal plans ;
- Mycorrhization in Fabaceae;
- Symbioses and biotic and abiotic stresses ;
- Biological Control and Crop Protection;
- Status of research on nitrogen fixation in Africa ;
- Bio-fertilizers Production and marketing state of the art, problems and prospects;

**Registration:**

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