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Joint EWRS workshop of the working groups
“Weed Vegetation and Biodiversity” &
“Biological Weed Control”

Dijon, France, 27 to 29 October 2026

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Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to a joint workshop co-organized by the EWRS working groups 'Weed Vegetation and Biodiversity' and 'Biological Weed Control'. The workshop will be held from 27 to 29 October 2026 at INRAE Burgundy-Franche-Comté center in Dijon, France. It is locally organized by the Agroecology research unit of the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Scientific program:

This meeting will be held in the context of sustainable weed management. Its aim is to share the latest knowledge on:

- The role of weeds in the provision ecosystem services, for example through their position in food webs.
- The diversity of weed communities, its importance in promoting the balance between services and disservices, and its response to management practices.
- The use of natural enemies and ecological mechanisms for weed regulation.

These topics may be addressed in relation to global changes (including climate change). The meeting aims to bring together scientists from different disciplines: Agroecology, Ecology, Agronomy, Biology, Genetics, etc.

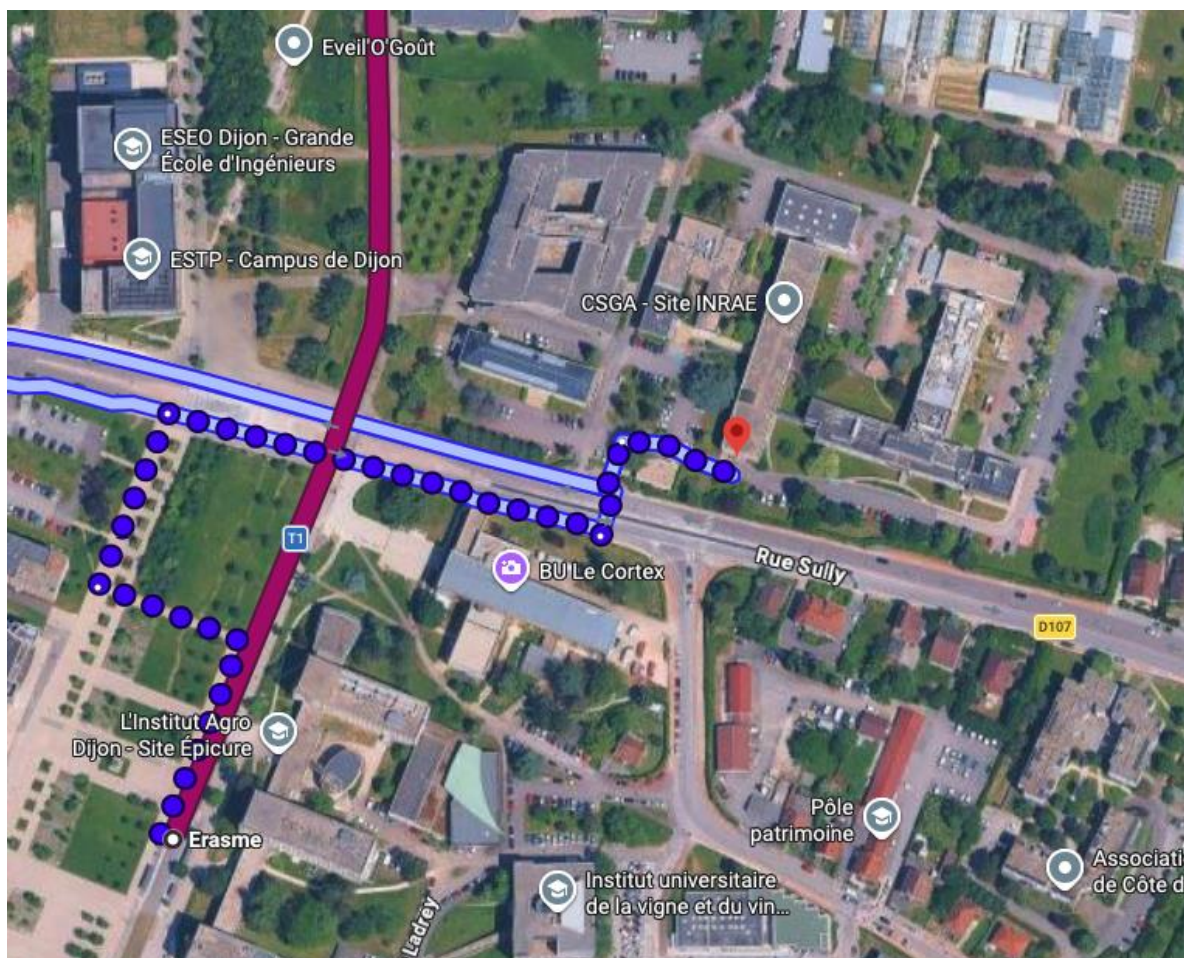
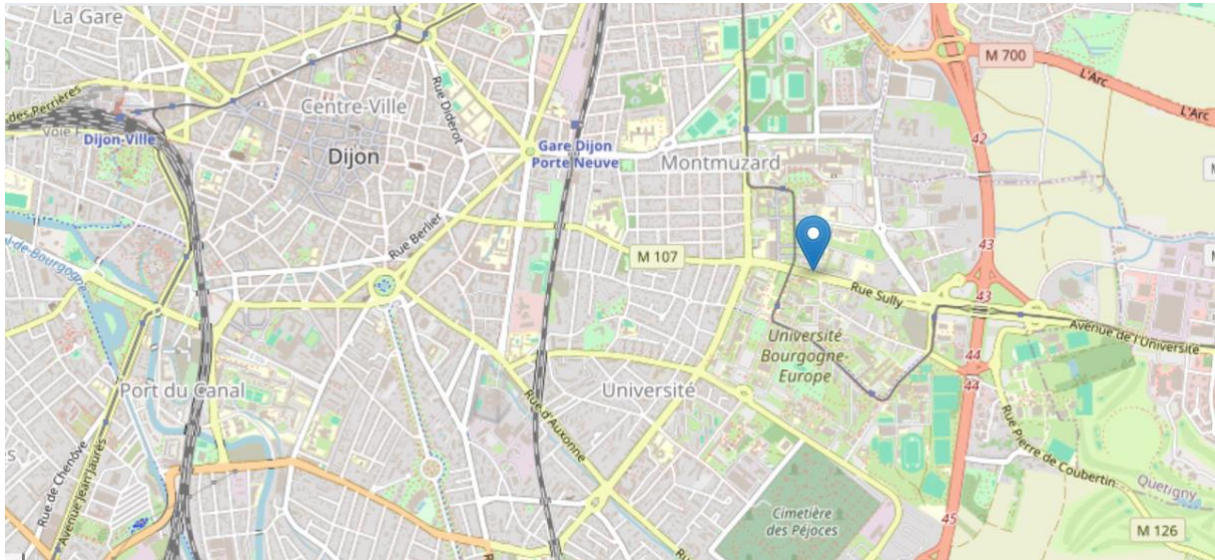
In addition to keynote presentations, the meeting will provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge through **oral presentations and posters**. Interaction between participants and networking opportunities within the EWRS community will be encouraged during field trips (visit to the CA-SYS platform <https://eng-plateforme-casys.hub.inrae.fr/>) and a social event organized around the heritage of the Burgundy region.

Venue

The joint workshop will take place at the INRAE Burgundy-Franche-Comté center in Dijon, France.

The address is: **17 Rue Sully, 21000 Dijon. (N 47.31680298207, E 5.070117512213)**

It is located next to the tram stop Erasme, on the T1 line, direct from the city center and the train station. Car parking spaces will be available at the INRAE centre for the duration of the meeting.



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Biological Weed Control	Weed Vegetation and Biodiversity
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Costs:

	<i>EWRS member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>
<i>Regular</i>	160€	220€
<i>Student (BSc/MSc/PhD)</i>	130€	160€

The difference in fees between members and non-members is the cost of a yearly membership to the EWRS.

The registration fee will cover the costs for the welcome reception, lunches, coffee breaks and the conference dinner. The registration fee won't cover accommodation and travel expenses.

Travel grants for early career scientists:

To encourage early career scientists to attend the workshop, subsidies are being made available through the EWRS. They can be applied for by sending an e-mail to alexander.menegat@slu.se . Early career scientists (i.e. BSc, MSc and PhD students, and scientists younger than 35 years of age) can receive a refund that will cover part of their accommodation and travel expenses. The maximum amount of the refund will be based on the number of applicants but cannot exceed €600. If the applicant is not an EWRS-member, an amount equal to the yearly EWRS fee (€30 for students and €60 for regular members) will be deducted from the subsidy, and the applicant will be enrolled in EWRS.

The maximum number of subsidies to be awarded to one early career scientist is three in total. Applications will be evaluated by the Working Group Leaders (Alexander Menegat, Michaela Kolářová, Marion Seier, Philip Weyl) and the Scientific Secretary of the EWRS, Lynn Tatnell.

Applications need to include:

- A short motivation letter
- A curriculum vitae
- An estimate of the costs for travel and accommodation
- A statement from the home institute that they will cover the remainder of the expenses for travel and accommodation, should the travel grant be awarded.

Registration and deadlines:

Registration and abstract submission will be opened in June 2026.

The maximum number of participants is 40.

Program

Monday October 26 - Welcome Reception @ 7.00 PM - Dijon Métropole, 40 avenue du Drapeau, 21000 Dijon (Salle du Conseil et Verrière ; 47.3333736 ; 5.04472975930).



Welcome speeches:

- Philippe Lemanceau – Dijon Métropole
- Cécile Detang-Dessendre – INRAE Centre Bourgogne-Franche-Comté
- Fabrice Martin and Adam Vanbergen – UMR Agroecologie, Pôle ADVENSYS

Scientific program

Tuesday October 27, 2026		
8h15– 8h50	Registration – INRAE Center	Agroecology team
8h50– 9h00	Introduction - Welcome	Delphine/bruno
9h00– 09h50	Keynote lecture 1	Guillaume Fried
9h50-10h20	P1	
10h20-10h50	P2	
10h50-11h15	Coffee Break	
11h15-11h45	P3	
11h45-12h15	P4	
12h15- 13h45	Lunch – INRAE Center	
13h45-14h15	P5	
14h15-14h45	P6	
14h45- 15h15	P7	
15h15-15h45	P8	
15h45-16h15	Coffee Break	
16h15-16h45	Poster session	
16h45- 17h45	Round Table 1 (panel discussion)	EWRS team
17h45	<i>End of the day</i>	
19h30	Dinner – Restaurant Dijon downtown	

Wednesday October 28, 2026		
09h00 – 09h50	Keynote lecture 2	Vincent Lesieur
09h50-10h20	P9	
10h20-10h50	P10	
10h50-11h10	Coffee Break	
11h10- 11h20	P11	
11h20-11h50	P12	
11h50-12h20	P13	
12h20-13h30	Lunch – INRAE Center	
13h30	Field trip departure	
	14h00 -Ca-Sys experiment	
	16h30 - Marsannay Castle	
18h00	20h00 - Return at Dijon	
	Free time	

Thursday October 29, 2026		
08h30 – 09h00	P14	
09h00-09h30	P15	
09h30-10h20		
10h20	P16	
10h40	P17	
11h00	P18	
11h20 – 11h20	Coffee	
11h20-12h20	Poster session 2	
	Round Table 2 (panel discussion)	Student time
12h20	Lunch boxes	
	End of the meeting	

Accommodation:

We recommend staying either close to INRAE or in the city center, where you will have easy access to the T1 tram line. In particular, we recommend the following hotels:

- [Campanile Dijon – Clémenceau](#): 3 tram stops away from INRAE, 6 tram stops away from the train station
- [Mercure Dijon Centre Clémenceau](#): 4 tram stops away from INRAE, 5 tram stops away from the train station
- [Hôtel des Halles Dijon](#): 7 tram stops away from INRAE, 2 tram stops away from the train station
- [Mama Shelter Dijon](#): 9 tram stops away from INRAE, next to the train station
- [Nomad Hotel Dijon](#): 9 tram stops away from INRAE, next to the train station

Travelling to Dijon:

By train:

There are direct trains from Paris (Gare de Lyon) and Lyon, as well as Switzerland. You can book your trains on the French train company's website, here: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en>.

We encourage you to book your tickets in advance, as their prices can rise sharply closer to the departure date.

By plane:

The closest airports are in Paris, Lyon, and Basel/Geneva. From there, there are direct trains to Dijon.

Be careful if you fly to Paris Charles de Gaulle, and make sure to plan enough time between your flight and train, as you will have to take the regional train and then the metro in order to reach the train station (Gare de Lyon) from which to take the Dijon train. The other airport, Paris Orly, is on the same metro line as the Gare de Lyon, making it a simpler choice.

Getting around in Dijon:

Dijon has a network of two tram lines and many bus lines, allowing you to easily get around in the city. You can find out more on the public transport company's website: <https://www.divia.fr/> (Click on "Langues & accessibilité" in the top right corner to switch to English).

One ticket costs 1.40€, and can be bought at every tram stop. For your first ticket, you need to buy a rechargeable card costing 0.30€. Alternatively, you can pay directly inside the tram or bus with your credit card. In that case, the ticket costs 2€.

If you prefer to get around by bike, there are city bicycles that can be rented for short trips. It costs 1€ for one hour. There is a station around 1km away from INRAE. You can find more information here:

<https://information.divia.fr/sinformer/velo/diviavelodi/>.

In case of emergency:

In case of emergency, you can call 112, the European emergency number, from your mobile phone. This can put you in contact with medical emergency services, firefighters, or the police.

What to do/eat/see in Dijon

What to see:

- [Musée des Beaux Arts](#): arts museum, located in the former palace of the Dukes of Burgundy. It is open every day except on Tuesdays, and the entrance is free.
- Notre-Dame-de-Dijon church: 13th century gothic church, with an impressive façade, 51 fake gargoyles, and a lucky owl.
- St. Bénigne Cathedral: a Gothic sanctuary built between 1280 and 1393.
- City center: the old city center, with many pedestrian streets lined by traditional half-timbered houses, has UNESCO World Heritage status.

Where to eat

If you want to eat typical cuisine from Burgundy, you can try one of the following restaurants:

- [L'Épicerie & Cie](#), 5 place Emile Zola 21000 DIJON
- [Le Fuseau](#), 15 Rue Berbisey 21000 Dijon
- [Le Bouchon du Palais](#), 4 rue Bouhier 21000 Dijon
- [Brasserie Les Loges](#), 8 Place du Theatre 21000 Dijon

If you want to buy good Burgundy wine, you will have the opportunity to do so during the winery visit, with an emphasis on excellent rosé.

Moutarde de Dijon or Moutarde de Bourgogne ?

The name “moutarde de Dijon” refers to any mustard produced in the manner of the traditional mustard produced in Dijon. However, it is not a protected name: most of the “moutarde de dijon” is not produced in Dijon, or with mustard seeds from the region. If you want mustard produced in Burgundy, with seeds grown in Burgundy and Burgundy wine, look for the name “moutarde de Bourgogne” (Burgundy mustard), which is a Protected Geographical Indication.