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Mike,

Iain Donnison from the IBERS group contacted Bill Rooney and me about meeting to discuss sorghum X miscanthus collaborations. The IBERS group from Wales is meeting with Ceres this week in College Station to provide an update on their joint project. Iain asked to meet with the TAMUS energy sorghum team on Friday morning to explore several non funded but potentially useful collaborations involving comparative sorghum X miscanthus genomics, etc.

I know you have an interest in cane X miscanthus for Weslaco so you might be interested in talking to Iain and the IBERS group. If so, I would suggest the following options;

- 1 - contact Iain directly and determine if a broader discussion with the IBERS group is useful,
- 2 - If so, I can set aside time following the sorghum group discussion for you to talk by conference call to the IBERS group (noon to 1:00pm?).

I think it best to keep the sorghum and cane discussions separate for the time being for several reasons;

- the sorghum X miscanthus discussions will be under an NDA
- TAMU sorghum and IBERS both collaborate with Ceres so the engagement may evolve into a three way collaboration (not currently involving cane or other third parties)
- we have no idea if IBERS already has third party collaborations with groups working on cane, so I would keep the discussion on two tracks for now.

Let me know how you want to proceed.

Regards,

John

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