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Webinar: Mainstreaming Precision Agriculture for Increased Productivity and Profitability in African Agricultural Systems



ISPA is pleased to host the African Association for Precision Agriculture's November webinar. The webinar will focus on mainstreaming precision agriculture for increased productivity and profitability in African agricultural systems. The 90 minute webinar will include presentations from Professor Andrew Manu of Iowa State University and Dr. Oluwole Fatumbi of FARA. There will be time at the end for questions. The webinar will be moderated by Professor Kwame Agyei Frimpong, AAPA Community Leader.

The webinar will take place on Wednesday 9 November 2022. To register for the webinar, please visit:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7738667827428418317>

'A Decade of Data': Celebrating 10 Years of the Research Data Alliance

In 2023 the Research Data Alliance will celebrate its 10th anniversary and will commemorate this important milestone by organizing a series of international and regional events and activities. Each month of 2023, from February to November, will be dedicated to a specific theme related to research data management of relevance to the RDA community. The RDA Secretariat and regional bodies are organizing various thematic events and activities (e.g., webinars, workshops and podcasts).

- February: FAIR data, software and hardware
- March: A Decade of Data: The RDA's 20th Plenary meeting
- April: Health and medical data
- May: Metadata and technical infrastructure
- June: Agriculture and environmental data

- July: Research data policy
- August: Disciplinary data
- September: Sustainable development and responsible research
- October: International Data Week— A Festival of Data
- November: Research data management support and education

Aligned with the 10th anniversary schedule, a virtual workshop will take place each month to bring RDA Working groups, Interest groups and Communities of Practice with a similar focus together to discuss the future of the research data management themes within the RDA community over the next five years.

The RDA community and wider research data management communities are welcome to contribute to the 10th anniversary celebrations.

Agriculture Education Courses Database

A mission of the ISPA is to further education in precision agriculture across the globe. In order to strengthen that incitive, ISPA will be compiling a list of current agriculture courses offered by colleges and universities and an outcome of the recent 2022 membership survey. Please complete the survey to let us know about a course or courses you instruct or a course(s) you have participated in. If you would like to submit a survey for multiple courses, please complete a new form for each course.

Submit your agriculture course(s) [here](#).

The screenshot shows a survey form titled "Agriculture Education Courses Database". The form is designed to collect information about courses offered in precision agriculture. It includes fields for the course name, the college or university where it is offered, the course level (undergraduate or graduate), and contact information for the course instructor. The form is presented in a clean, organized layout with clear labels and input fields.

Country Representative - Rodrigo Ortega-Blu



Dr. Rodrigo Ortega-Blu
ISPA Chile Representative

Dr. Rodrigo Ortega-Blu, an ISPA Country Representative for Chile, is an Associate Professor at the University Santa María in Santiago-Chile. His research and extension activities focus on improving soil quality as the basis for a sustainable production, under climate change, using precision agriculture, organic matter, microorganisms, and nitrification inhibitors, among other technologies, particularly in fruit production. Important areas of his work are the conversion of available data into useful information and farmer's digitalization.

ispag.org/Leadership/CountryRep/Chile

Country Representatives serve to help promote ISPA by championing the ISPA mission and purpose globally, in particular, in the country they represent. ISPA is growing internationally so Country Representatives remain an important position to help ISPA best serve people, groups, governments and others, globally connecting them to science and experts.

Please join us in thanking ISPA Country Representative from Chile, Rodrigo Ortega-Blu.

If you are interested in becoming a Country Representative, please email info@ispag.org with your bio highlighting your experience in precision agriculture and your CV. ISPA requires that all Country Representatives are current members of the society. To become a member, please complete the [membership form](#).

Upcoming Events

25-27 FEB 2025

GIS & Drone Applications in Agriculture Conference

29 JUN - 3 JUL 2025

15th European Conference on Precision Agriculture

Barcelona, Spain

ecpa2025.upc.edu/

22-31 AUG 2025

XXXII ISSCT Centennial Congress

Cali, Colombia

issctcentennial.com/

14-16 OCT 2025

11th Asian-Australasian Conference on Precision Agriculture

Chiayi, Taiwan

ispag.org/Events/ACPA

2-4 FEB 2026

International Crop Modeling Symposium (iCROPM2026)

Florence, Italy

Week of 13 JUL 2026

17th International Conference on Precision Agriculture and the 11th Brazilian Congress on Precision Agriculture

Porto Alegre, Brazil

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[See the ISPA website for a complete list of events.](#)

Do you have an event that would be of interest to our members? [Send us an email to let us know.](#)

Jobs Listing

- [Postdoc in Digital Agronomy for Climate Resilient Perennial Agriculture](#)
- [Tenure Track Assistant Professor in soil spectroscopy at Department of Agroecology, Aarhus University](#)
- [Assistant or Associate Professor of Extension Soil Management - University of Kentucky - Department of Plant and Soil Sciences](#)
- [Precision Agriculture Technologies Extension Specialist - University of Tennessee - Biosystems](#)

[Engineering and Soil Science](#)

- [Assistant Professor \(Extension\) - Mississippi State University - The Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering](#)
- [University of Georgia - Assistant Professor - Extension Specialist Precision Agriculture Systems](#)

Do you have a job you would like to post to the ISPA website? Please send your job announcement, a short description, and cutoff deadline for applications to info@ispag.org

Contribute to the ISPA Newsletter

Do you have a precision ag event, project, or news article that our members would be interested in? Please let us know. We [post events](#), [job opportunities](#), and [news from members](#) from around the globe. Email info@ispag.org or use the handy [online form to submit your contribution](#).

Stay Up To Date with ISPA on Social Media!

Be sure to follow ISPA on Twitter and LinkedIn to remain up to date with what the society has to offer. If you're posting about precision agriculture and would like to reach our international community, please add #ispag to your post.



Precision Agriculture Definition

Precision Agriculture is a management strategy that gathers, processes and analyzes temporal, spatial and individual plant and animal data and combines it with other information to support management decisions according to estimated variability for improved resource use efficiency, productivity, quality, profitability and sustainability of agricultural production.

The International Society of Precision Agriculture (ISPA) is a non-profit professional scientific organization.

The mission of ISPA is to advance the science of precision agriculture globally.

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