### **MASC Project Reports**

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#### Recent activities and newly developed tools and/or resources

- Together with the journal "Plants, People, Planet", The Global Plant Council is holding a new science communication competition on social media called #PlantSciStory2021. Results will be published in late June early July. Link: https://globalplantcouncil.org/tell-the-world-your-plantscistory2021
- Together with the journal "Frontiers in Plant Science" The Global Plant Council launched a Frontiers Research Topic special call. Among all participants, one Research Topic will be awarded a prize equivalent to three APCs (Article Processing Charges) applicable for Frontiers in Plant Science journal. Link: https://globalplantcouncil.org/ecri/ecri-outreach/frontiers-topics/
- We are accepting a guest post in our blog. We want to help researchers with their writing skills while helping them gain some well-deserved visibility among plant science peers. Link: https://globalplantcouncil.org/ecri/ecri-outreach/ecri-communication-and-dissemination-activity/
- A new working group dealing with Digital Sequence Information (DSI) and Nagoya protocol-derived policies has started. The aim is to raise awareness of the impact these new policies might have on plant scientists and their research. The first panel will take place on the 29th of June at the PBE2021 conference.

#### Planned future activities

- We have launched a plant science webinar series focusing on transversal (scicomm, ethics...) and high-level topics of interest for plant scientists. We are open to contributions on speakers and topics! Webinars will be recorded and uploaded to our Youtube channel. Link: https://globalplant-council.org/webinars/

## Please provide a paragraph describing the general impact of the COVID19 pandemic on your activities

COVID19 has forced us to restrict all our activities to online.