



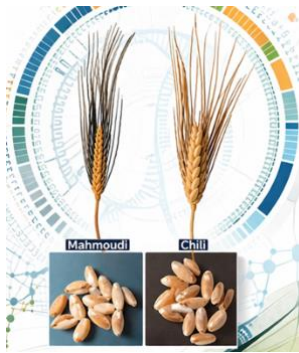
GetGenome Newsletter

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We are pleased to present the April 2026 edition of our monthly newsletter, providing a snapshot of GetGenome's progress and key highlights. Remember, you can find all our monthly newsletters here - <https://getgenome.net/network>. The main highlights this month include:

Tunisian durum wheat landraces for a resilient wheat future



Tunisian scientists at the University of Sfax, the Institution of Agricultural Research and Higher Education (IRESA) and the National Gene Bank of Tunisia with support from GetGenome have achieved a landmark milestone by sequencing two iconic Tunisian durum wheat landraces: Mahmoudi and Chili. Read the genome announcement here - <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19499032>.

These landraces have been cultivated for generations and are widely prized for their exceptional grain quality, drought tolerance and disease resistance—key agronomic characteristics to be explored using these genomic resources. The achievement has drawn national interest from

TV, radio and online platforms. The community came together to celebrate the efforts and discuss the next steps at National Gene Bank of Tunisia.



Open science in action: OpenDurumGPT



Building on the release of genomic data, the project has launched [Open Durum Genome Project Tunisia](#) (OpenDurumGPT): an open science community bringing together scientists, plant breeders, policy makers, agricultural cooperatives and other stakeholders to accelerate efforts to develop resilient crops. The community will now work with national and international expertise to explore the data. For more information, please contact moez.hanin@isbs.usf.tn.

Reflecting on GetGenome's impact in Tunisia

GetGenome has been supporting the research community in Tunisia since 2021. Whilst we have provided genomic data to 50 Tunisian scientists to accelerate their research and underpin training, we have reached hundreds of students, researchers and associates across the breadth of life sciences through various initiatives, conferences, seminars and workshops.



#GGFungi2026 draws applications from 18 countries

The #GGFungi2026 CFP is now closed for applications. At deadline we had received applications from 18 countries across 4 continents, with ~50% from early-career researchers. Applicants will hear from us soon. We are looking forward to working with the fungal research community where the projects are diverse and science dynamic!