



Call for proposal

From the 1st to 5th of October 2024, the Réseau Semences Paysannes, SOL Alternatives Agroécologiques et Solidaires and the Maison des Semences Paysannes Maralpines organize an International farmer Seeds gathering entitled "Sow your resistance" in the Alpes Maritimes. The participants will spend two days on host farms before meeting in Antibes from the 3rd to 5th of October. The 3 days in Antibes are divided as follows:

- A day of technical workshops (Thursday 3rd of October) on vegetable seeds, tree seeds, field seeds and political and legislative issues (workshop run by our partner [Let's liberate diversity](#)).
- A thematic day on "Seeds and migration" (Friday 4th October): two sessions of 3 to 5 workshops in the morning, followed by a plenary session in the afternoon.
- A day open to the public (Saturday 5 October) with workshops, conferences, forum, etc.

The 2024 International Gathering will be the result of our exchanges. We want them to be a platform for all those who want to share their knowledge and expertise. Two types of sessions (from 1h30 to 1H45) are therefore requested:

- Presentation and debate sessions. They must allow at least 30 minutes for discussion between the speakers and the participants.
- Participative workshops aiming to build collective reflection and exchange of know-how.

Two slots are available for the workshops:

- Thursday afternoon, October 3: workshops on specific species (arboriculture, field crops, vegetables, etc.) focusing on technical issues.

The aim is to offer technical workshops to share know-how about seeds.

- Friday 4 October morning: workshops on the theme of "seeds and migration".

The sessions and workshops should make this theme the focus of their work, or keep it as a context for their proposals.

Sessions must ensure that the space for exchange is welcoming and as open as possible to the diversity of perspectives. The speakers shall be attentive to the place from which they are speaking (taking into account in particular questions of gender, race and class). We would ask you to take a close look at the profiles of the speakers so that the workshops offered are as inclusive as possible.

In order to ensure that everyone is represented, the workshops/sessions must be run by three organisations, at least two of which must be from different countries. The organising committee has therefore chosen to give priority to proposals for sessions run by several collectives, involving a diversity of countries of origin of the collectives and/or speakers, in order to enrich the viewpoints on the different themes addressed.

Terms and conditions

You can propose a session by sending us a description as described below to semetaresistance@gmail.com before midnight on 31 May 2024.

Proposals must include :

- A title (possibly a subtitle),
- A description of the theme of the session or workshop (max 500 words),

- For participatory workshops, a description of the format, the participatory approach and the maximum number of participants estimated.
- A bio (max. 200 words) of each speaker or prospective speaker and their e-mail addresses,
- The name and contact details of the session's main coordinator
- A request for financial support for the transport and accommodation of the speakers (NB: financial support will be granted within the limits of available funds).

Please note that the organising committee may suggest to modify the type of session proposed, if it deems this appropriate, or suggest a collaboration if two proposals appear to be particularly close. Depending on the number of proposals received, the organising committee may have to make a selection.

Provisional timetable

- Opening of the call for sessions on the 18th of April 2024
- Call for sessions closes on the 31st May
- Notification by the 21st of June at the latest

Do you have any questions?

Write us at semetaresistance@gmail.com

Don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to be put in touch with other speakers to set up a workshop on a specific subject.

Going further... on seeds and migration

A wide variety of subjects can be covered:

- questioning the fixist approach to varieties, which is rooted in the eugenicist thinking at work during the Second World War
- consideration of invasive plants, which is linked to other hierarchies of the world and of people moving between countries
- the intimate link that seeds and migrants have with the seeds of their homeland

- the deep connection with the territory and the conditions for subsistence and survival that seeds embody
- the high proportion of peasant farmers among those who are forced to migrate
- the impact of climate change on migration
- the intrinsically travelled and cross-bred dimension of peasant seeds.

These are just a few ideas, and we leave it to you to come up with whatever you feel like sharing around this theme.

For more information, [click here](#) (in French).