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AGRODEP Announces 2013 Membership Extension

AGRODEP recently announced its [fifth round of membership extension](#), open through March 24, 2013. As with previous rounds, membership is open to African researchers who currently hold a Ph.D, who are currently working toward a Ph.D, or who have a Master's degree in combination with relevant technical skills and experience.

Interested applicants should fill out an application form in either [English](#) or [French](#) by March 24, 2013. AGRODEP membership currently stands at 118 members. Continued expansion of AGRODEP's network will aid in the Consortium's goal of mobilizing a critical mass of researchers and modelers within Africa's policy research and analysis community.

Introducing AGRODEP's 2013 Training Courses

AGRODEP is pleased to announce its planned [training courses for 2013](#). The courses were selected through a member survey, in which 76

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AGRODEP Web Portal Survey Results

AGRODEP recently conducted its first annual user survey for [agrodep.org](#). The survey was open to AGRODEP members and was designed to give the AGRODEP team a better understanding of what users need and want from the portal. Out of AGRODEP's 118 members, 33 participated in the survey. Overall satisfaction with the site was high, at 85%. Users were also asked to rate the overall look of the site, usefulness of search results, load speed, and overall ease of navigation; all of

members participated and selected their top three choices for courses that would enhance their research or professional development. The dates for these courses remain tentative and subject to change. Course materials and outlines, as well as finalized dates, will become available in the coming months.

- Impact Evaluation and Analysis of Development Intervention: May 2013. Organizer: Tanguy Bernard, IFPRI. Instructor(s): TBA.
- Evaluation of Public Policies: June 2013. Instructor: Guy Lacroix, Laval University.
- Applied Panel Data Econometrics: September 2013. Instructor: Christopher F. Parmeter, University of Miami.
- Poverty Measurement and Analysis: October 2013. Instructor: John Gibson, Waikato Management School.
- Applied Microeconometrics: October 2013. Instructor: Manuel Hernandez, IFPRI.
- Estimation of the Economic Impact of High Food Prices Using Micro Data: May 2013. Instructor: Miguel Robles, IFPRI.
- Assessing Crop Production, Nutrient Management, Climate Risk, and Environmental Sustainability with Simulation Models: September 2013. Instructors: Jawoo Koo, IFPRI, and Gerrit Hoogenboom, Washington State University.
- GAMS-Based CGE Models (Basic): December 2013. Instructor: Veronique Robichaud, Laval University.

these categories were generally rated high by survey participants. View the full report of survey results [here](#).

2013 Grants for Research Valorization

AGRODEP continues to accept submissions for its [2013 grants for research valorization](#). These grants are open to all AGRODEP members and provide financial assistance to present research at international conferences and to pay publication submission fees. Members may also apply on a case-by-case basis to use these grants to fund attendance at workshops and trainings. The proposed activity must be clearly linked to AGRODEP activities, such as trainings. Interested members should fill out the [online application form](#).

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