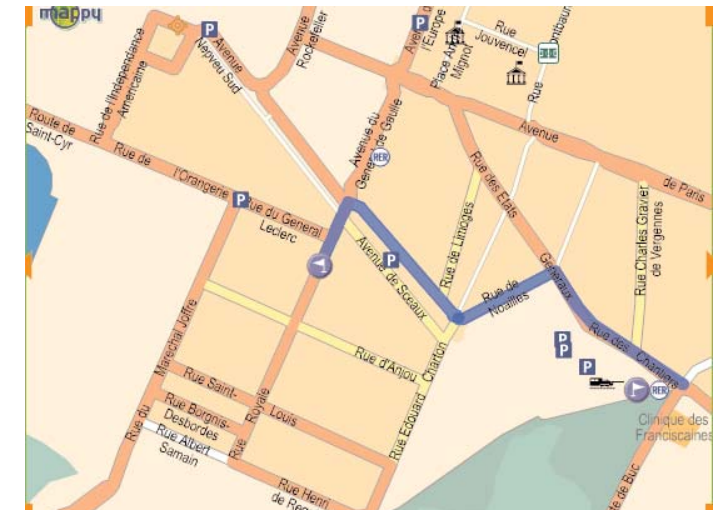


ARRIVING FROM ORLY AIRPORT OR CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT

- **From Orly airport:** take the ORLYVAL to Antony. At Antony station, take RER B (direction St-Rémy-les-Chevreuses) to Massy Palaiseau. At Massy Palaiseau station, take RER C to Versailles Chantiers (last stop). See map below.
- **From Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport:** take RER B (direction Robinson - Antony - St-Rémy-les-Chevreuses) to Châtelet Les Halles and transfer to RER A (direction S'-Germain-en-Laye - Cergy - Poissy). Get off at La Défense and take the train (direction La Verrière) to Versailles Chantiers. See map below.

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INTRODUCTION

GAIA software is a tool to compare variety descriptions using combinations of differences on a set of characteristics. The software allows both a very systematic and detailed view of the data in a user friendly way.

In the field of DUS testing, the main interest of GAIA is to:

- improve the selection of varieties in a collection,
- organize the lay-out of the trial to compare the most similar varieties.

GAIA is currently used in France to conduct DUS testing on Maize, Oilseed Rape and some other crops. GAIA has been made freely available on the UPOV Website, however, some training is needed for the application of the software.

PROGRAM

The program of the Workshop, organized by GEVES in cooperation with UPOV includes:

- a presentation of GAIA,
- a demonstration on "how to use it",
- practical application with a common set of data,
- practical application with individual sets of data brought by the participants.

ORGANIZATION

- Date: The Workshop will start at noon on March 7, 2007, and will close at noon on March 9, 2007.
- Venue: GEVES, La Minière (near Versailles).
- Maximum 12 participants.
- Each participant is invited to send description data for a maximum of 50 varieties, based on the relevant UPOV Test Guidelines. The data must be presented in Excel format and sent by e-mail to:
christophe.chevalier@geves.fr and christelle.guitouni@geves.fr
- The cost per participant is 420 euros for the program which includes the cost of the training, lunches and 1 dinner.
- The price of accommodation, breakfast included, is 230 euros (for the 3 days March 7 to 9, 2007).
- Pre-registration must be completed and a deposit has to be paid for accommodation (69 euros) by December 31, 2006.
- Your data and final registration, confirmed by payment of the fee, must be sent by January 30, 2007.

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