

A wide-angle photograph of a potato field in full bloom. The plants are green with numerous small white flowers. In the background, there is a line of trees and a range of mountains under a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

International Potato Partnership

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Research Funding in New Zealand

- Cost of research is increasing rapidly
- Research funding is not keeping up
- Seriously limiting the number, focus and scale of research projects
- Leading to a loss of expertise – researchers moving to other industries – researchers retiring and not being replaced
- Loss of confidence and momentum within the potato research community
- HOW DO WE GO ABOUT ARRESTING THIS APPARENT DECLINE?





Collaboration

- Australian Potato Research Program (APRP)
- An initiative between 5 different countries Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and the UK
- Single 5 year programme with different researchers working on different aspects of the programme
- From a grower investment of just under \$5M – to a final project investment of \$30M
- How do we stimulate this level of collaboration in the future??
- **NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHERE OTHER COUNTRIES ARE INVESTING IN RESEARCH**

International Potato Research Collaborative Framework

- The IPP addresses the need to build collaboration and teamwork between researchers internationally and thence improve efficiency in research resource use.
- This initiative, in many ways, is a template for future, mission driven and industry guided, broadly collaborative co-investment in potato research.
- It aims to provide investors with a coordinated series of research activities, targeting their key R+D priorities, ensuring the highest probability of success.



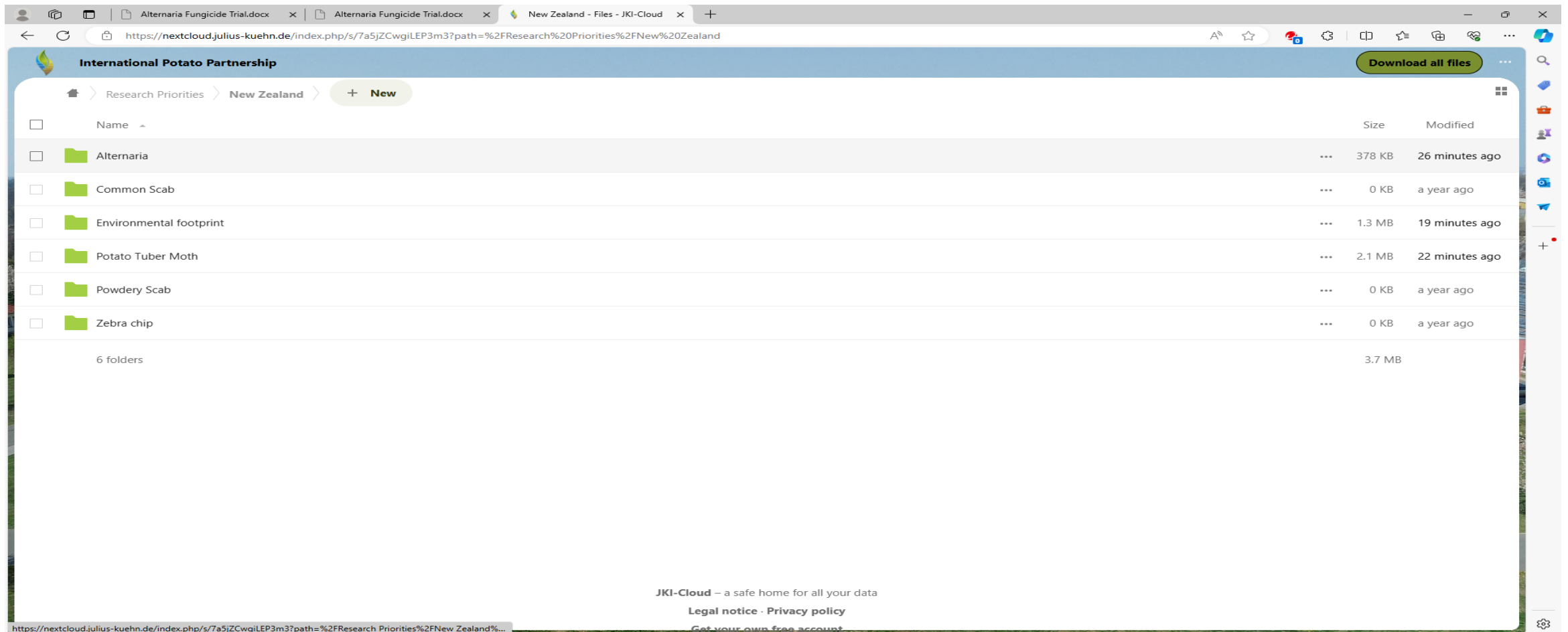
Partnership agreement

- All members have signed the Partnership Agreement
- The Agreement does not call for any financial commitments
- All have agreed to share their current research priorities
- All have agreed to share the outputs from their current projects
- And to seek opportunities to collaborate on subjects of common interest
- WPC has agreed to host this SharePoint site
- This is a direct outcome of the Dublin Declaration – for the development of global partnerships with the goal of addressing current and future challenges in global food security



IPP Website

- Provide a resource through which researchers and research managers can identify potential collaborators with similar aims.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the International Potato Partnership website. The page title is "International Potato Partnership" and the breadcrumb navigation is "Research Priorities > New Zealand > + New". A "Download all files" button is visible in the top right corner. The main content area displays a table of folders with columns for Name, Size, and Modified. The folders listed are Alternaria, Common Scab, Environmental footprint, Potato Tuber Moth, Powdery Scab, and Zebra chip. Below the table, it indicates "6 folders" with a total size of "3.7 MB". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "JKI-Cloud – a safe home for all your data", "Legal notice · Privacy policy", and "Get your own free account".

Name	Size	Modified
Alternaria	378 KB	26 minutes ago
Common Scab	0 KB	a year ago
Environmental footprint	1.3 MB	19 minutes ago
Potato Tuber Moth	2.1 MB	22 minutes ago
Powdery Scab	0 KB	a year ago
Zebra chip	0 KB	a year ago
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IPP Structure and Management

- Currently IPP is managed by a representative committee made up of each of the members
 - We have been meeting on-line monthly
 - The first possible collaboration may be a Spongospora (powdery scab) programme
 - A workshop is taking place immediately prior to the EAPR conference in Oslo in July
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New Members

- Now open to new members
- New members will need to sign the Partnership Agreement in order to access the SharePoint site
- They will need to agree to share their R+D priorities and the outputs from their current projects
- Commit to working with the other partners to establish project collaborations



Official Launch of the International
Potato Partnership