

Title	GREMPA: A useful initiative for cooperation in almond research
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Abstract	
<p>The first GREMPA Colloquium was held in the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza in February 1974, but was preceded by several initiatives mainly driven by Dr Jacques Souty, Director of the Station of the Grande Ferrade of INRA in Bordeaux. Many of these previous actions are not well known, but were essential for the launching of such useful group. In this review I have tried to follow up these initiatives, as well as the first aims proposed for the success of GREMPA. Many of these objectives have been attained, but the initial spirit of dialogue and open discussion has been changed towards a more formal meeting of congress style. Additionally, some conflictive moments of the history of GREMPA are reminded and homage is paid to the three great researchers who invested all their energy in this endeavour: A.J. Felipe, C. Grasselly and F. Monastra, whose enthusiasm and spirit we have not managed to maintain.</p>	