



Annex 2: Linear correlation between: number of leaf (n.leaf), Leaf area index (LAI), length of leaf (Length), average leaf width (Av.Width). Data reported where collected in 2011 (58 days after sowing) and in 2012 (34 and 45 days after sowing)). In the upper plot is reported the  $R^2$ , in the lower part the scatter plot. For  $R^2$  higher than 0.372  $P < 0.01$ .