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Annual Progress Report 2016

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ERFP Steering Committee

- **1st Meeting in February 2016 in Ljubljana, Slovenia**
 - ✓ ERFP Budget, Country contributions
 - ✓ Progress in the ERFP account opening and the new account procedure
 - ✓ Preparation/organisation of the ERFP Assembly Meeting in Belfast, UK
 - ✓ ERFP website and restructuring
 - ✓ Explore pros and cons to become legal entity
 - ✓ FAO/ERFP Workshop, 12th – 14th April 2016
 - ✓ Further proceeding - European Genebank Network for AnGR (EUGENA)
 - ✓ Review of the ERFP activities, joint workshop of the WG, TF, *Ad hoc* Action and *Ad hoc* Action Proposals
- **2nd Meeting in August 2016 in Belfast, UK**
 - ✓ Annual progress, ERFP Budget, Country contributions
 - ✓ Reimbursement of the costs and the new account procedure
 - ✓ Procedure and nominations of the WG and TF members
 - ✓ Organisation of Assembly Meeting
 - ✓ *Ad hoc* Actions
 - ✓ Bilateral meeting with FAO



ERFP Steering Committee

Members

The Netherlands	Sipke-Joost Hiemstra	Chair	since 2015	end 2018
Slovenia	Danijela Bojkovski	ERFP Secretariat	since 2014	end 2018
Sweden	Eva-Marie Stålhammar	Member “North Region”	since 2015	end 2019
Slovakia	Jan Tomka	Member “East Region”	since 2015	end 2019
Austria	Beate Berger	Member “West Region”	since 2015	end 2019
Luxembourg	Jeanne Bormann	Member “Central Region”	since 2014	end 2018
Albania	Kristaq Kume	Member “South Region”	since 2013	end 2017





ERFP Secretariat

- **Team:** Danijela Bojkovski (Head); Gasan Osojnik and Mojca Simčič
- **Activities**
 - ✓ Organization/preparation of the SC meeting in Ljubljana and Belfast, 2016
 - ✓ Organization/preparation of the *Ad hoc* Action meeting: EUGENA Web portal design, Ljubljana, February 2016
 - ✓ Registration in the EU Transparency Register
 - ✓ ABS Consultation forum: application, collaboration at the meetings
 - ✓ Presentation of the ERFP and collaboration at Workshops: Preparatory Action on EU plant and animal genetic resources in Bonn/Brussels
 - ✓ Organization of the joint meeting – WG / TF / *Ad hoc* Actions in Bled, June 2016
 - ✓ Presentation of the ERFP at the 9th Session of the ITWG AnGR, July 2016
 - ✓ Information service to National Coordinators via email and the ERFP website (via Newsletter)
 - ✓ Administrative support of the ERFP Steering Committee/WG/TF/*Ad hoc* Action groups
 - ✓ Managing financial issues and ERFP payments
 - ✓ Communication service via email with NC and others



ERFP Working Groups

- **Working Group Ex Situ conservation**

- ✓ The meeting of the ERFP WG *Ex Situ* Conservation and also the Workshop: *In situ* and *Ex situ* gene conservation jointly organized by the FAO and ERFP, took place at Research Centre (HáGK) in Gödöllő, Hungary, from 12th–14th April 2016. The main topic of the joint meeting was discussion on the EUGENA MoU status, results of the *Ad hoc* Action meeting: EUGENA Web portal design were presented as well as news from the ERFP Countries. New Chair was elected and the future activities were developed.

- **Working Group Documentation and Information**

- ✓ Joint Meeting of WG Doc Info / TF ABS / TF EU / Ad hoc Action - ITWG-AnGR took place from 20th-22nd June 2016 in Bled (Slovenia). The main topics of the WG meeting were presentation of Ad hoc Action: Socio-economic parameters, revision of European fields in EFABIS, further development of DAD-IS and implementation of new FENIX technology, future targets and orientations of the WG.

→ detailed reports by the Working Group leaders



ERFP Task Forces

- **Task Force on Access and Benefit Sharing**

- ✓ Joint meeting of TF ABS/ WG Doc Info/ TF EU/ *Ad hoc* Action - ITWG-AnGR took place from 20th-22nd June 2016 in Bled (Slovenia). The main topics were analysis of Guidelines for animal breeding sector (EU ABS regulation), ABS document for 9th session of ITWG-AnGR, discussion on the draft paper based on the submission to FAO in 2015 and the new developments in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

- **Task Force EU matters**

- ✓ Meeting of the TF EU matters was organized twice in 2016. First meeting took place in Brussels on 7th March. Joint meeting of TF EU/ TF ABS/ WG Doc Info/ *Ad hoc* Action - ITWG-AnGR took place from 20th-22nd June 2016 in Bled (Slovenia). The main topics of the second meeting was analysis of the Guidelines for the animal breeding sector (EU ABS regulation) and monitoring of EU legislation with AnGR relevance.



ERFP *Ad hoc* actions, 2016

- **EUGENA Web portal design**
 - ✓ The meeting of the *Ad hoc* Action group was organized prior to the SC meeting in Ljubljana (Slovenia) from 3th – 4th February 2016. The main topics discussed were: Terms of Reference for the EUGENA Web portal and proposals for the structure and the content, a road map for development and implementation of the Web portal, estimation of development and maintenance costs.
- **Socio-economic and environmental parameters and their applicability into a tool to evaluate risks and trends**
 - ✓ The *Ad hoc* Action group met on 25th February, 2016 in Thessaloniki (Greece). The main discussion of the *Ad hoc* Action group was to discuss additional parameters to further refine the assessment of the breed's development potential or the risk status. Such parameters are categorized as environmental and socio-economic factors and can be provided from different information sources.



Proposals for the *Ad hoc* Actions

SC supported two *Ad hoc* Actions in 2016:

- **ITWG-AnGR, review group**
 - ✓ Joint Meeting of ITWG-AnGR and WG Doc Info/ TF ABS/ TF EU took place from 20th -22nd June 2016 in Bled (Slovenia). The main topics of the review group was preparation of the position papers for the 9th ITWG-AnGR for Food and Agriculture in July, 2016.
- **Writing a new textbook on the genomic applications in the utilization and conservation of farm animal genetic resources**
 - ✓ ERFP SC find the preparation of the textbook very valuable for all the NCs and experts involved in the field of AnGR conservation. Therefore, preparation of the textbook will be partly supported. Authors were asked to use ERFP logo on the publication and to present the content of the book at the next Assembly meeting in 2017.





ERFP Collaboration with other organisations

- **FAO**
 - ✓ Close collaboration with the Animal Genetic Resources Branch at the FAO
 - ✓ Common Workshop organized and the presentation of the DAD-is in Bled, annual bilateral meeting
 - ✓ Workshop Gödöllő
- **Observer to Assembly**
 - ✓ FAO, NordGen, SAVE, DAGENE, EAAP, EFFAB, RBI, European Commission
- **European Commission**
 - ✓ ERFP seeks to establish the regular contact and further enhance cooperation
 - ✓ Members of the EU ABS Consultation Forum
 - ✓ ERFP participation at the Preparatory Action on EU plant and animal genetic resources in Bonn/Brussels

