

# ERFP Annual Report

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# 12<sup>th</sup> ERFPA Annual Workshop, Antalya, Turkey, September 2006



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# Activities since the 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop

## Call for Actions

- 5<sup>th</sup> ERFP Call for Actions (2006-07)
  - 3 new projects are funded
  - 14 projects in total since the 1<sup>st</sup> Call
  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Call for Action (2007-08)

## ERFP website

- Continue the collaboration with BLE (4 years contract)
- Discussions on further improvement of the website
- Questionnaire was sent to all NCs

# ERFP Newsletter

- Tool for communication
- Diffusion of information
- 2 issues are published (electronic edition)
- Target 3 issues per year
- Sent to all NCs, EAAP, FAO, NGOs....
  
- Active participation of all NCs by providing material, very important!

## Editorial

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure, that I present you the first edition of the Newsletter for 2007. The Newsletter follows on the initiatives and efforts of the previous Secretariat, and here I take the opportunity to thank Dominique Planchenaull for all his hard work over the past 10 years.

Our goal is to keep the NCs informed and updated on ongoing activities and upcoming events, and to set up this Newsletter as a forum for discussions. We consider the Newsletter as a means to strengthen the connections between the Steering Committee, the Secretariat and the NCs, as we presented in our Strategic Plan that was approved in Antalya.

The launching of the Newslet-

ter goes hand in hand with our website and the exchange of e-mails. However, the Newsletter can be considered as a specific communication media, which includes diverse information as a package and reaches you directly at your desk.

We plan to publish the Newsletter quarterly, hoping that it will make interesting material for editing the issues.

In this first issue, you will find material from the last Workshop in Antalya in September 2006 to the ERFP presentation in the Standing Committee of Zootechnics in 9 January 2007.

This is the first issue and as such there is lot that we can do for improvement.

For the improvement both of the format and the content of the Newsletter, we are wait-

ing for your comments. Moreover you are all invited to send your own material for publishing.

With this opportunity, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat would like to express to all of you their best wishes for a successful and fruitful 2007 and also for the activities of the European Regional Focal Point.

Andreas Georgoudis  
ERFP-Secretary

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### Special points of interest:

- New ERFP Call for Action— Deadline for proposals submission: 16 February 2007
- International Scientific Conference, Balice, 31 May—2 June 2007
- 13th Workshop of the NCs in Dublin—25 August 2007
- International Technical Conference, Interlaken, 1—7 September 2007

the strategic goals of ERFP approved in our 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop in Antalya.

The ERFP presentation in Brussels can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.rfp-europe.org>

ties, are expected to be completed on March 2007 and will be included as an appendix to the SoV report.

These will be discussed in the Standing Committee on Zootechnics and will be forwarded to the EU member countries for discussion between the responsible persons of the Ministries of Agriculture and the NCs.

We consider all these developments as a step towards the enhancement of the collaboration between both ERFP and EU and the NCs with their Ministries of Agriculture, which is included in

## ERFP presentation in the meeting of the Standing Commission on Zootechnics

In the meeting of the Working Group of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics in 9 January 2007, Mike Roper, chairman and Andreas Georgoudis, Secretary were invited in order to present to the official representatives of the member countries, the activities of the ERFP with view to the First International Conference on AnGR.

The ERFP presentation has been well appreciated by the members of the Working Group. It has been decided that the European-Caucasus region fact sheets including also the European priori-

## Editorial

Dear colleagues,

The 2nd issue of the ERFP Newsletter for 2007, comes just after the 11th Regular Session of the CGRFA in FAO, Rome and in the middle of our preparations for our Annual Workshop in Dublin.

Several events and activities have taken place in the period after the publication of the 1st issue. The Regional Focal Point of South America and the Caribbean region has been formed. The Call for Action has been completed and the results were circulated to the NC's. A meeting of the ERFP project on Brachyceros Cattle held in April, in Bled. The Interna-

tional Conference in Balice brought together several specialists from Poland and other countries, including members of the ERFP Steering Committee.

In the present issue you will find also a report on the EFABISnet project and information on the latest and upcoming activities, book reviews etc.

The ERFP Secretariat likes to thank you all for the welcome of the edition of the Newsletter and expects a feed back on events and activities in your countries for the next issue.

Just before we were about to circulate this issue, we have been informed about the sudden passing of our

friend and colleague Karin Wohlfender, National Coordinator for Switzerland, in her office, that shocked all of us. This happened on Wednesday 26, July.

Karin was a kind person with a warm personality and was a great pleasure to work with her.

There are no words to describe our deep sorrow.

We express our deepest condolences to Karin's family and friends.

We will all retain a beautiful Karin's smile in our heart!

Andreas Georgoudis  
ERFP-Secretary

Status of the preparation of the International Technical Conference on AnGR. It thanked the Government of Switzerland for hosting the Conference, and other donors and FAO, for their contribution to the Conference.

The full report can be downloaded from

<http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/cgrfa11.htm>

## 3rd AnGR Photo Contest

We are welcome go participate in ERFP CEE Network Development Program and vote for the Best AnGR Photo of 2007.

The voting is free for every website visitors. The winners will be revealed by vote majority. The winner country will be officially nominated on 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the EAAP in Dublin, August 26-29, 2007.

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## 11th Regular Session of the CGRFA, 11-15 June, Rome

The 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the CGRFA met in Rome from 11 to 15 June.

The meeting was taking place at an especially important time, when international policies for the management of biodiversity for food and agriculture needed to take into account many factors, including economic growth, human population dynamics, changing consumer patterns, rapid market development, climate change, and priority objectives of achieving food security and reducing poverty.

The Commission considered the progress since the 10th Regular Session, in the preparation of the International Technical Conference on AnGR, including

The State of the World's AnGR for Food and Agriculture.

The Commission endorsed the Report of the Working Group recognizing, that significant progress had been made in finalizing The State of the World's AnGR for Food and Agriculture, and in advancing the preparation for the International Technical Conference on AnGR. It noted that the Friends of the Chair, following the suggestions made by the Working Group, had further developed the text of the Strategic Priorities for Action, as a part of the Global Plan of Action.

The Commission endorsed the proposed goals, outcomes and the draft provisional agenda of the Conference, as contained in the

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### Special points of interest:

- 13th Workshop of the NCs in Dublin, 23-25 August 2007
- Training Course for the NCs, 23-24 August 2007
- International Technical Conference, Interlaken, 1—7 September 2007
- Conference on Native breeds and Varieties, Sibenic, Croatia, 13-16 November 2007



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop

- Events
  - Training Course in collaboration with EAAP\_WG AnGR
  - Projects Coordination Meeting
  - Annual Meeting of NCs

# Cooperation with FAO - 1

- Participation in:
  - Global Workshop for the NCs (11-12 December 2006)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> ITWG (13-15 December 2006)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of CGRFA (11-15 June 2007)
- Preparation of Fact Sheets for Europe and Caucasus Region + European Strategic Priorities

# Cooperation with FAO - 2

## ERFP Stand in Interlaken

**RFP**  
**EUROPE** European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources

A European Structure to organise the Management of Animal Genetic Resources (ERFP) in Europe

**Aims of ERFP (Terms of Reference)**

- Assist and enhance the Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) activities of National Focal Points (NFPs) at the European level
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**Activities / Events / Publications**

Workshop on Cryopreservation on AnGR in Europe, Paris 23 February 2003

Publications from ERFP Funded projects

**AGRI GENRES projects, initiated from ERFP funded projects**

- AGRI GEN RES 012 - Towards self-sustainable European regional cattle breeds (EURECA)
- AGRI GEN RES 040 - Heritage sheep

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Call 2002-2003
  1. Development of guidelines for cryopreservation of AnGR in Europe
  2. Study on optimising the implementation of databases on AnGR in Europe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Call 2003-2004
  3. European Cryopreservation of Heritage Sheep Breeds - Scoping Study
  4. Possible way of conservation the multipurpose Tsigai and other indigenous sheep breeds in Central, Eastern European and Balkan countries
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Call 2004 - 2005
  5. Development of 'cattle-project' under 870/04 and cofunding of elements in workpackages of this project
  6. Development of sub-regional focal point and joint support to national coordinators in policy development
  7. Veterinary provisions for the maintenance of genetic resources in case of infectious diseases
  8. Seminar for European National Coordinators on legal and political aspects managing farm animal genetic resources
  9. Building up the role of NC of AnGR for strengthening the capacity of Balkan's network for agri-biodiversity of livestock
- 4<sup>th</sup> Call 2005-2006
  10. Current Status of the Brachycercus Cattle Populations in the South Eastern European Countries and Strategies for their Sustainable Conservation
  11. Development of a common methodology to evaluate and monitor the population-genetic status of farm animal breeds in Europe and derive a common interpretation of the status of endangerment of breeds
- 5<sup>th</sup> Call 2006-2007
  12. Improvement of the existing ERFP communication and co-ordination infrastructure
  13. Workshop for European NFPs on strategies relevant for the genetic management and sustainable use/breeding of AnGR
  14. Various aspects and possible evolution of in situ conservation in Europe

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ERFP Member Countries and Annual Workshops

**History of ERFP**

**1996-1997, the first discussions**  
Vienna EAAP / FAO Meeting (1997): the National Coordinators expressed the need to establish a Regional Focal Point (RFP) for Europe

**1998, the concept**  
Vienna EAAP / FAO Meeting (1998): two basic decisions were met

1. Set up a light structure and
2. Respect the national sovereignty

**1999, the decision**  
At the end of 1999, around 80% of European countries voted for one ERFP based on light organisational structures, with funding provided by a dedicated trust fund financially managed and fully led by EAAP (Rome)

**2000-2001, establishment of ERFP**  
The Hague, EAAP / FAO Meeting (2000): The NCS decided to create the ERFP between August 2000 and August 2001, 11 countries accepted to give a financial support to this common European action.

**Cairo, 2002:** The ERFP became operational during the annual NCS Workshop

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**Organisation and Structure**

The 4 NCS members of the Steering Committee, which are elected for four years with geographical representation, following a rotational system, are currently represented as follows:  
South / South East Europe by Slovenia  
Central / East Europe by Czech Republic  
West Europe by Germany  
North Europe by Lithuania  
Plus the ERFP Secretariat by Greece

The Steering Committee is chaired by the United Kingdom  
The Secretariat of the ERFP ensures the implementation of the orientations taken by the Steering Committee according to the guidelines provided by the annual workshop.

In 2006, Greece took over the ERFP Secretariat from France, who served this position since its establishment. The Secretariat is elected for 4 years.

**Annual Workshop of National Focal Points (Mandate and Tasks)**

- Bring together all National Coordinators (NCs) of FAO's European Region annually
- Exchange information on relevant national and sub-regional activities
- Decide on the ERFP budget, the general rules of the annual meeting, ERFP Steering Committee and Secretariat and the future activities of the ERFP
- Elect the Secretariat and the Steering Committee
- Advise by technical (e.g. European Association of Animal Production EAAP) political (e.g. EU Commission) and organisational (e.g. FAO Global Focal Point) experts as appropriate

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# European Commission

- Participation in two meetings of the EU Standing Committee of Zootechnics
  - Presentation of the ERFP
  - Presentation of Fact Sheets for the European Region and Caucasus prepared for FAO

# Participation in meetings / events

- Conference on Conservation of AnGR in Poland and Europe, Balice 30 May - 1 June (E. Martyniuk)
- Baltic Conference (H. Viinalass)
- ERFP projects meetings
  - Rome, December 2006 – Indicators project (S. Andonov)
  - Bled, April 2007 – Brachycerus Cattle project (D. Kompan)
- ERFP session, in Sibenik, Croatia, planned for November 2007

# Financial Situation

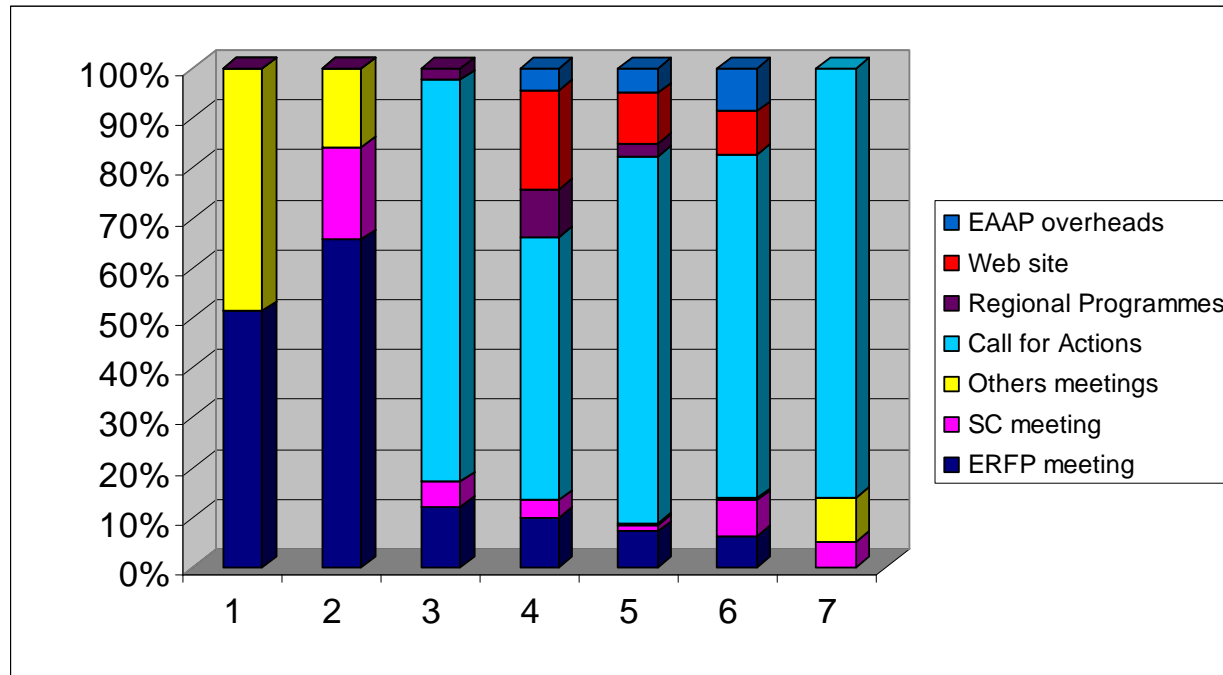
**ERFP financial situation**

<b>Incomes</b>				
<b>Contributions (€)</b>	<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	39.000,00	8.924,00		<b>47.924,00</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	2.000,00			<b>2.000,00</b>
<b>France</b>	50.000,00	10.000,00	5.000,00	<b>65.000,00</b>
<b>Germany</b>	40.000,00	10.000,00	10.000,00	<b>60.000,00</b>
<b>Greece</b>	6.000,00			<b>6.000,00</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	40.000,00	10.000,00		<b>50.000,00</b>
<b>Italy</b>	40.000,00	10.000,00	10.000,00	<b>60.000,00</b>
<b>Netherland</b>	20.000,00	20.000,00		<b>40.000,00</b>
<b>Spain</b>	40.000,00	20.000,00		<b>60.000,00</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	40.000,00	20.000,00		<b>60.000,00</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	40.000,00	10.000,00		<b>50.000,00</b>
<b>End programme</b>		8.711,96	11.882,64	<b>20.594,60</b>
	357.000,00	<b>127.635,96</b>	<b>36.882,64</b>	<b>521.518,60</b>

	Approved in Antalya	Actual occurred		
<b>Contributions (€)</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% per category</b>
<b>ERFP Annual Workshops</b>	13.000,00	3.655,26	9.344,74	5,34
<b>Invitations to the 13th Workshop</b>	8.000,00		8.000,00	0,00
<b>SC meetings</b>	4.500,00	4.623,25	-123,25	6,75
<b>Workshops preparation</b>	20.000,00	2.264,50	17.735,50	3,31
<b>Call for Actions</b>	60.000,00	45.650,00	14.350,00	66,64
<b>Web site</b>	5.000,00	5.000,00	0,00	7,30
<b>Development of strategies</b>	20.000,00	2.358,98	17.641,02	3,44
<b>EAAP overheads</b>	5.000,00	4.950,00	50,00	7,23
<b>Working funds</b>	10.000,00		10.000,00	
	<b>145.500,00</b>	<b>68.501,99</b>	<b>76.998,01</b>	<b>100,00</b>



# Contribution of the different categories to the total expenses



<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Contributions (€)</b>	<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ERFP meeting</b>	28.565,00	5.556,42		<b>34.121,42</b>
<b>SC meeting</b>	8.548,61	2.187,16	2.722,09	<b>13.457,86</b>
<b>Others meetings</b>	3.223,89	217,37	4.623,48	<b>8.064,74</b>
<b>Call for Actions</b>	139.500,00	40.000,00	45.650,00	<b>225.150,00</b>
<b>Regional Programmes</b>	10.786,05			<b>10.786,05</b>
<b>Web site</b>	23.905,24	5.000,00		<b>28.905,24</b>
<b>EAAP overheads</b>	7.300,00	4.950,00		<b>12.250,00</b>
	<b>221.828,79</b>	<b>57.910,95</b>	<b>52.995,57</b>	<b>332.735,31</b>
			<b>Bilan</b>	<b>188.783,29</b>

- Administrative issues

## ERFP Steering Committee

- 4 SC meetings since September 2006
- UK asked to continue for one more year
- New member representing Western Europe

## ERFP Situation

- Mandate to the SC for urgent action budget
- The ERFP financial year will continue to be defined as the period between the Annual Workshops or will have as reference the calendar year

# ERFP situation

- Establishment of a procedure for new countries to become members of ERFP

## Future Actions

- LoA with EAAP regarding the support of the European Database

## The main points

- Develop the involvement of NCs in ERFPP activities
- Strengthen NCs domestic position
- More active role regarding the development of AnGR strategies
- ERFPP website
- EFABIS is an important tool for NCs' future work
- ERFPP Call for Action



- Next Annual Workshop in Vilnius, Lithuania