Minutes of the meeting -
ERFP – Working Group Documentation and Information, Padova, 27th March 2012

Attending:
WG members:
Nermin Aksümer, Eléonore Charvolin-Lemaire, Sipke Joost Hiemstra, Ante Ivankovic, Chistina Ligda (Chair), Bill Lyons, Bozidarka Markovic, Anna Rehnberg, Natalia Reznikova, Eva Marie Stalhammar, Srdjan Stojanovic, Enrico Sturaro, Jan Tomka, Sebastian Winkel, Metka Zan-Lotric
FAO: Roswitha Baumung
EFABIS: Zhivko Duchev
Observers: Drago Kompan, Jack Winding
Excused: Mark Maguire, Andrea Radasci

1. Opening (Welcome / Introduction)

Christina Ligda opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Giovanni Bittante, NC of Italy, as host presented an introduction of the history and the current work of the Agricultural Faculty of the University of Padova A short introduction of the WG members was followed by the election of Sebastian Winkel as rapporteur.

2. Presentation of MoU (FAO-EAAP-ERFP) and LoA (EAAP-ERFP)

Sebastian Winkel followed with a presentation about the current organisational structures and agreements between ERFP, EAAP and FAO in context with the "Documentation and Information of AnGR". The MoU and the LoA between EAAP and the ERFP have been already finalised and signed in January respectively February 2012.

3. Description of production environment: A new module in the Domestic Animal Diversity System (DAD-IS)

The current status of implementing the module for description of the production environment (PEDs), in which the particular populations are raised was presented by Roswitha Baumung (FAO). The implementation process is still in progress, after the installation of the module in DAD-IS, European and National Information Systems, translation of labels, descriptions, names of layers and drop-down lists in global and national systems is required. Multiple benefits are expected for NCs for the management of AnGR, scientistis, developmet practitioners and livestock keepers.

4. EFABISnet – current status and future development

Zhivko Duchev explained the current status of implementing the PEDs module in EFABIS and the required changes in data structure and data storage. Further steps towards the development of EFABIS, include the establishment of new national nodes and new outputs. During the discussion, the need to improve the informative value of the degree of completeness calculated by EFABIS for each country, was expressed. The Population Data Index (PDI), which was developed by Mateusz Wieczorek, can be used towards this direction. PDI expresses the completeness of several key-fields and not the completeness of all fields.

5. Status of EFABIS update - Analysis of data – Preparation of reports

The WG members gave short overviews about the work and situation regarding "Documentation and Information of AnGR" in their countries. These presentations and the discussion showed a variety of activities, as well as many details and requirements that have to be worked out. One of the issues raised, is the need to

facilitate data entering by the development of a module for an automatic data transfer from the national inventories to EFABIS.

6. Status and trends of animal genetic resources: Preparing the Status and Trends Report

Roswitha Baumung informed the WG about FAO activities and the reporting lines for the implementation of the GPA. She gave further details on the Status and Trends Report that will be presented during the 7th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group, next October in Rome. In the discussion the issue of defining "local" and "transboundary" breeds were mentioned. It was strongly recommended that National Coordinators check the correctness of assigning breeds to the "transboundary" class in the database. Concerning the preparation of the Status and Trends Report, it is important that National Coordinators will update their AnGR data in DAD-IS and EFABIS (updates until 31st May will be included in the reports). Countries that haven't provided their Country Progress Reports already should proceed with the submissions soon. The Regional Progress Report is in preparation by the ERFP Secretariat and will be provided in time.

7. Workplan – Key Issues

The members of the WG worked out on the content of the annual analysis report from EFABIS by the WG that will be presented to the ERFP Assembly. This item was discussed in connection with the ERFP regional report for the 7th Session of ITWG. It was agreed to put emphasis to update the population data within the deadlines, and that all breeds should be reported in EFABIS even if no monitoring of the population data is established yet.The report shall evaluate the completeness of the population data. Furthermore the report shall provide information on breed risk status and trends,(at least for the cases that trends could be estimated) and on, conservation programmes. The existing EFABIS tools will be also used. Christina Ligda will circulate the content of the report to the WG members. A small group will collaborate to draft the report and circulate it to the WG members for their confirmation

According to the MoU between FAO, EAAP and ERFP, the Management Committee includes a representative from ERFP. The WG discussed this issue, but without going in depth on the role of the Management Committee and the role of ERFP member in the Committee (as the issue was not included in the agenda). As Sebastian Winkel is a member both of the WG and the Secretariat, the WG suggested that he could represent ERFP in the Management Committee, provided that the representative is a member of the WG. It is suggested also that this issue should be discussed in the Annual Assembly for decision, considering all aspects.

The WG members also discussed the future priorities for the WG, including the following:
* Facilitate population data upload and export
* Facilitate data (especially population data) entering
* New data/outputs relating to the PEDs module
* New outputs at regional level
* Revision of existing data
* Degree of completeness (relating to the PDI mentioned above)

The above request the active participation of the WG members and will be valuable tools to enhance dissemination of information and improve collaboration and networking.

The presentations of the meeting can be downloaded from the ERFP website.