

Minutes of the ERFP - Steering Committee meeting - 23rd August 2013 in Nantes, France

Chair: Catherine Marguerat-König

Participants: Oya Akin, NC Turkey; Elzbieta Martyniuk, NC Poland, Tamas Szobolevszki, NC Hungary; Nina Sæther, NC Norway; Frank Begemann, Sebastian Winkel, Holger Göderz, ERFP Secretariat

ERFP Steering Committee Meeting

Catherine Marguerat-König opened the meeting at 9.00 and welcomed the participants.

ERFP Budget

Frank Begemann showed the presentation “Financial Report 2013” for the Assembly Meeting to the members of the Steering Committee. The therein included budget proposal for the year 2014 was agreed by all attendees.

Furthermore the working documents for the several items of the ERFP Assembly Meeting, that have been sent to the National Coordinators before, were approved with small amendments. The amendments were highlighted for the ERFP Assembly Meeting on the following weekend.

ERFP Secretariat 2014 -2018 process

The ERFP Secretariat had prepared a draft for the election process of its successor and a letter to the National Coordinators to engage them to consider whether an appropriate institution in their country would be suitable and willing to host the Secretariat in the next period. These two documents were agreed by the Steering Committee with amendments.

Further proceeding regarding the Task Force Risk Status and Indicators

The first part of the final report of this Task Force had been sent to all National Coordinators some days before the meeting. The Steering Committee decided to propose to the Assembly, to wait for the entire report and to close the Task Force afterwards.

Further proceeding regarding the European Genebank Network for AnGR

The Draft Concept of the European Genebank Network for AnGR had been developed on the workshop on 13th/14th June 2013 in Bonn. This draft has to be approved by the Assembly in Nantes. Afterwards the tables “Technical Conditions” and “Institutional Conditions” and the approved Draft Concept will be sent to the National Coordinators again to evaluate the status quo of genebanks in Europe. Further workshops are planned for the future.

MYPOW 2014 – 2018

The Secretariat had prepared a working document with a timetable for the development of the Multi Year Programme of Work 2014 -2018. Therein included are the activities and objectives of ERFP. This document

was agreed by the Steering Committee. It was added to the presentation “Progress Report” for the Assembly Meeting.

AOB

Elzbieta Martyniuk reported that the CGRFA has requested to nominate two representatives for the Team of Technical and Legal Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing (TTLE ABS) per region and that Europe still has to nominate the two European representatives. Frank Begemann proposed Elzbieta Martyniuk as the European expert for ABS in AnGR. He suggested to choose the experts through following criterias: Technical/Legal, Animal/Plant, EU/non EU. The Steering Committee decided to propose this to the Assembly and pending the decision of the Assembly to ask the European Regional Group meeting for the Governing Body session of the ITPGRFA in Oman to nominate a representative for Plant, non-EU and with legal background.

The meeting was closed by Catherine Marguerat-König at 15:30.