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**Minutes of the meeting -  
ERFP – Working Group Documentation and Information,  
4 – 5 July 2013 - Agricultural Research Council -C.R.A. - Via Nazionale 82 CRA, Rome**

**Attending:**

Eléonore Charvolin-Lemaire, Zhivko Duchevev, Holger Göderz, Sipke Joost Hiemstra, Ina Hulgese, Ante Ivankovic, Chistina Ligda (Chair), Bill Lyons, Bozidarka Markovic, Grazyna Polak, Anna Rehnberg, Natalia Reznikova, Jan Tomka, Metka Zan-Lotric, Gustavo Gandini, Roswitha Baumung

Excused: Nermin Aksumer, Filomena Alfonso, Rita Hoving, Davorin Pranic, Andrea Radasci, Srdjan Stojanovic, Enrico Sturaro, Eva-Marie Stalhammar, Sebastian Winkel

**Presentation of the ERFP ad hoc action**

Sipke Hiemstra presented the aims of the ERFP ad hoc action "European Register of Cryomaterial from Transboundary Breeds on the Basis of National CryoWEB Genebank Databases". The objective is to produce aggregate statistics at European level on cryoconserved material, as currently countries using CryoWEB as their genebank documentation system have statistics only about the material stored for each breed readily available. With this action, the possibility to integrate information from sources other than CryoWEB databases will be explored, using a data exchange file and transfer to EFABIS. Furthermore, it would be in particular interesting to generate statistics of gene bank collections of transboundary breeds across counties.

**Improving data quality in DAD-IS/EFABISnet: the transboundary breed list**

Roswitha Baumung (FAO) presented the background of the process of reviewing the current situation in DAD-IS, EFABIS regarding the transboundary breeds that resulted in the Transboundary Breeds List. RB explained the process and the responsibility of NCs in linking (and delinking) of breeds, and explained that any amendments to this list have to be undertaken by the Global Focal Point (in consultation with the relevant National Coordinators). The new deadlines for providing an agreed list to FAO were discussed.

**Presentation of the web tool , including statistics of the results**

The Transboundary breeds web tool developed by Z. Duchevev was presented. ZD explained the aims of the tool that it was supposed to assist NCs in their work to review and update the linkages of the breeds raised in their countries with the existing transboundary breeds, or adding, if necessary, new breeds in the transboundary category. It has been emphasised that this was a tool to check fast the existing linkages and note the changes but all these changes should be entered in EFABIS after FAO revise the existing list with the new suggestions. ZD presented the statistics of the use of the webtool by the NCs. The presentation is attached to the report.

**Preparation of the 2nd report on the SoW's animal genetic resources for food and agriculture**

Roswitha Baumung presented the process towards the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SoW Report on AnGR. The deadlines for the different steps of this process were presented. According to these the WG organizes its workplan regarding the finalization of the proposal to FAO for the transboundary breeds list.

### **New outputs for cryo conserved material**

The outputs regarding the breeds included in cryoweb, and other national databases were presented by Z. Ducheve. These outputs will be incorporated to EFABIS. The WG approved their implementation. Specific suggestions were made, mainly referring to the number of males and females donors, and was decided to have these numbers per each category of collected material, in addition to the total number of males / females, which is calculated as the intersection of the different categories. The above will have result in changes to the structure of EFABIS. The report will be forwarded to the Management Committee of EFABIS.

### **Proposals by WG members to improve the list of transboundary breeds and linkages (collection of suggestions) and Agreement on how to proceed with the revising process of transboundary breeds and linkages from European point of view- Communication with FAO**

The list of the transboundary breeds was reviewed by the members of the WG and discussed focusing on transboundary breeds that were not linked to any breeds, or linked only once. Furthermore, the new proposals, either as new names to replace existing ones, or new names for breeds that were not included in the list before were discussed. An xls file was developed with the list of the transboundary breeds exported by the web tool, in which the actions to be taken in the next few days were marked. The objective is to clarify in the next days these remarks, send it out to the NCs asking for their remarks and suggestions. The timeframe is the following: Corrections from the WG until 14 July – Circulate the list with the agreed transboundary names to the NCs (copying to the WG) with deadline for comments until 2 August – Review the comments and send the agreed list to FAO with specific remarks before 9 August.

### **EFABIS issues : New outputs /Population data upload format / PEDs**

Regarding EFABIS, the inclusion of new reports in the database following the last year report of the WG is on going (there is a specific ad hoc action for this purpose). The new reports will be presented in ERFP Annual Assembly. There will be a need to include some additional outputs incorporating the changes on the categorization of breeds according to locally adapted and exotic. Furthermore the tool that was developed to facilitate population data upload into EFABIS from other national databases was presented.

### **Annual report for ERFP Annual Assembly**

In ERFP Annual Assembly, 24-25 August, Nantes, the WG will report to the NCs on the WG's activities, the EFABIS status, and the future planning. The report to be presented will be circulated before to the WG for comments.

### **Other issues - Closing of the meeting**

Before closing the meeting, the following issues related with EFABIS were discussed. EFABIS Management Committee will be also informed on the outcomes of this meeting. The location and time of the next WG meeting was discussed, this will be finalized during the ERFP Annual Assembly.

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