

## Report

### Working Group Ex Situ Conservation – 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014

8.30 – 12.30

- Presentation of Sipke Joost Hiemstra on status quo of EUGENA and the current status of genebanks in Europe (attachment).
- EUGENA – Terms of Reference – agreed version (attachment)
- Memorandum of Understanding – to be drafted by Secretariat before ERFP Assembly Copenhagen
- Letter of Agreement – to be drafted by Secretariat before ERFP Assembly Copenhagen

13.30 – 15.30

- ABS – Briefing – General discussion MTA and MAA

15.30 – 17.30

- Working Group Ex Situ Conservation
  1. Election of the Working Group Chair

Sipke Joost Hiemstra was elected as the chair of the ERFP WG Ex Situ for a second term of 3 years.

2. European portal for access to gene bank data

Zhivko Ducheve presented the state of development of the European register of gene bank collections in Europe and the reports in EFABIS (attachment)

The Working Group Ex Situ recommended:

- To facilitate the data entry of cryocollections in EFABIS. Countries (National Coordinators) should be encouraged to upload the available data about cryocollections at national level, and to organize the data collection routinely within the country. More countries, having databases other than CryoWEB, should be involved.
  - Action: Communication (informal) to NC's and members of ERFP WG Ex Situ, to request to update cryodata in EFABIS and inform NC's and members of ERFP WG Ex Situ about the upload mechanism. NC's and members of ERFP WG Ex Situ will be confronted with the difference between the Excel overview tables and the data in EFABIS (Action Zhivko/Sipke)
  - Action: organise a training workshop similar to (subregional) EFABIS upload workshops for technical experts to facilitate and promote data entry of cryocollections in EFABIS (Action Zhivko/Sipke/Christina Ligda)
- To adapt the Letter of Agreement for EFABIS and include data entry of cryo data in the same procedure (Action: ERFP Secretariat)
- WG Ex Situ to evaluate and propose data to be collected and reported at European level, including consideration of collection categories (Action: Sipke).

3. Publications

The Working Group Ex Situ discussed the need to develop publications, in addition to the information on ERFP Website, the WCGALP paper on EUGENA or the textbox in the 2<sup>nd</sup> SoW AnGR.

The Working Group recommended:

- To wait for further EUGENA implementation before generating new publications (e.g. in AGRI) about the European network of gene banks.

- To modernize EFABIS front-end and to make the website/EFABIS system more user friendly.
  - Action: Communicate this issue to the EFABIS Management Committee (seek advice) and also communicate to the Working Group Documentation and Information (Zhivko/Sipke)
  - Action: Propose an Ad Hoc Action to evaluate current EFABIS and identify options for improvement (Sipke/Christina Ligda)

#### 4. Planning of activities for 2014-2016

The Working Group Ex Situ proposed the following list of activities for the period 2014-2016

- Assist EUGENA development (2014-2016)
- Develop and harmonize MAA and MTA together with Task Force ABS (2014-2015)
- Organise a joint ERFPA-EAAP-FAO session at EAAP Warsaw with the topic "Gene bank sampling strategies and characterization" (2015)
- Further work on documentation and development of European register of gene bank collections (to discuss with WG Documentation and Zhivko Ducheve) - Back to back meeting together with WG Documentation in 2015
- Improvement of the overview and state of development of national genebanks - Organise 'Zagreb type' workshop in 2016.
- Evaluation of achievements of the WG Ex Situ/member countries after 3 years. Development of questionnaire and reporting results to ERFPA Assembly. Action: Eva Marie and Sipke – 2014-2015.
- Inventory of Ex Situ collections kept *in vivo*. (2015-2016)