

Report of the ERFP WG on Documentation and Information

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WG kick-off meeting

Bonn, April 2011

- Present 14 participants (including ERFP secretariat and FAO (observer))
- Status of MoU for EFABIS between ERFP / EAAP / FAO (F. Begemann)
- Presentation on “National CBD obligations and the role of DAD-IS” (B. Scherf)
- Short overviews on “Documentation and Information of AnGR” (WG members)
 - a wide variety of recording activities are taking place across Europe
- Election of Chair
- Summary of the discussion points

Aims of the Working Group (1)

- Assist NCs in the European Region with the implementation of the GPA for AnGR in issues relevant to the characterization, inventory and monitoring of trends and associated risks (SPA 1)
 - Assist and advise NCs on issues relevant to recording and publishing AnGR information
 - Ensure the development and proper management of the EFABIS, the national nodes within FABISnet and other national Information systems
 - Provide input and suggestions to the EAAP WG_AnGR on issues related with the documentation of AnGR
 - Provide assistance and advice to the (proposed permanent) Management Committee for FABISnet
 - Encourage regular updating of FABISnet and improvement of data quality
 - Encourage the use of Cryoweb software to manage national genebanks

Aims of the Working Group (2)

Through:

- Dissemination of relevant information to the NC's via the ERFP newsletter, publications, email groupings etc
- Promotion of the importance of the work of the NCs in relation to their role as data collectors and providers to serve the scientific and animal breeding communities, ministries, the EC and the general public

Mode of operation

The WG will primarily work via e-mail. WG meeting once per year (at least).

Background issues (1)

- The EFABISnet project coordinated by EAAP ended in December 2010
 - 13 national nodes (Austria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom)
 - National node of Poland (EFABIS)
 - Greece, Hungary
 - 3 requests (Czech Rep., Moldova, Turkey)
- A MoU ensuring a permanent management structure of the European network of AnGR Information Systems (EFABISnet) needs to be agreed between FAO, EAAP and ERFP
- A LoA between EAAP and ERFP for the period 2011-2013

Background issues (2)

- All European countries are involved in the network
 - directly in the European node
 - By their national node
- For the countries entering data directly in DAD-IS, the core data translated into English go to the European node and from there to all national nodes
- Countries maintaining national nodes are on top positions by degree of data completeness and data update

Background issues (3)

- MoU between FAO, EAAP and ERFP
 - ensure the long-term maintenance and development of EFABISnet within FABISnet.
 - ensure that data synchronisation is operational
 - agree on demands, procedures to enable the above
 - agree on procedure for new request for national nodes
- Management Committee
 - Members: representatives from FAO, EAAP, ERFP
- Management of regional node
 - EAAP in collaboration with ERFP (LoA)
- Management of national node

Potential areas for developments in EFABIS

- Define key fields which will be used to estimated database completeness
- Ensuring data quality
- Streamlining of data recording process
- Contribution to the use of the Production Environment Descriptors (PEDs)
- Consider the inclusion of Genomic data
- Consideration of further analysis tools beyond the existing that will help to the wider utilisation of EFABIS

Ideas for promoting the utilisation of EFABIS

- Data quality - Regular updates
- Analyse the data and prepare reports in European level
- Distribution of the information

The Challenges!

- Converting national data to a suitable format for uploading to DAD-IS in time efficient manner
- Regular updating is vital, data should be less than 4 years old.