

Minutes of the ERFP Steering Committee meeting

November 18th 2019, webconference

Participants:

Chair: Sipke Joost Hiemstra, The Netherlands

National coordinators, members of the SC:

Christina Ligda, Greece

Srdjan Stojanović, Serbia

Montserrat Castellanos Moncho, Spain

Ruta Šveistienė, Lithuania

Jan Hendrik Schneider, Germany

Secretariat:

Coralie Danchin-Burge and Eleonore Charvolin-Lemaire (France)

1. Brief information about the budget and bank payments

Following new European regulation, further requirements for accessing online banking system have been introduced. In order to access the bank portal, IDELE needs now a token provided by EAAP that will generate security codes. A formal letter needs to be signed between IDELE and EAAP to state that the token will be delivered from EAAP to IDELE.

The EAAP accountant also checked the possibility to provide a debit card associated to the ERFP/EAAP bank account. This will allow IDELE to pay in advance some of the expenses, such as restaurant reservations for the General Assembly or Steering Committee, with daily and monthly limits. The card will not be available for withdrawals.

⇒ The SC agrees on the idea of having a debit card for the ERFP secretariat provided more details are given about the conditions and fares.

Addendum: the conditions and fares are as following:

- *Maestro contactless*
- *Annual cost of €13*
- *Daily and monthly limit for payments €2,000*
- *No cash withdrawal as this would complicate the management of the account*

2. Follow up of the GenRes Bridge project

a. Next milestones and deliverables

The next deliverable to be issued is the analysis of the existing strategy(ies) (task leader: European Forest Institute) and then the drafting of the global strategy (task leader:

University of Birmingham UoB). In both cases, a clear roadmap is needed. Also some ambiguities need to be tackled since each within domain's strategy should be drafted by the relevant actors; an external partner such as UoB cannot be expected to address this issue.

Further exchanges are needed with the GenResBridge partners to clarify the following points:

- SWOT analysis: is it an analysis of the ERFP network? The AnGR domain? Or both?
- What is the roadmap for the within domain strategy?
- What is the roadmap for the integrated strategy, and when is ERFP (+ AnGR project partners) are supposed to contribute?

b. ERFP General Assembly and GenResBridge meeting in November 2020

In order to validate the main outlines and writing of the global GenRes strategy, a workshop gathering about 150 people from the three domains will be held during 3 full days in Padova, Italy, in November 2020.

It was suggested by the GenResBridge coordinator, Michele Bozzano, to have the ERFP GA during this meeting since two full days can be devoted to each network specific issues. After discussion, the SC decides **not** to hold the GA during the Padova meeting but to keep it connected to the EAAP meeting. The ERFP agenda and formal organization require the network to meet earlier in the year. However NCs will be invited to participate to the Padova meeting too, since their inputs are important to draft the strategy. Also, all costs from the Padova meeting will be supported by the GenResBridge project.

3. Validation of the 2020 *ad hoc* actions

Some time is devoted before to discuss some issues related to the 2019 *ad hoc* actions.

Christina Ligda is sharing some information about the Mediterranean symposium that was supposed to be held in November 2019. After several exchange of e-mails and skype meeting with FAO, an updated version was drafted with a new date for the physical workshop (February 2020), under the precondition that the final preparation would start in November. However, there has been no feedback from FAO to this revised program. Therefore the symposium cannot be held in February 2020. Christina suggests that more discussions and exchanges should be done within the Doc & Info WG to decide which directions to take (preliminary work by distance? Physical meeting?) and ask if the *ad hoc* action budget can be transferred from 2019 to 2020.

- The SC approves the decision of moving the budget and will wait for the outcomes of the discussions to decide further actions.

As far as the two other *ad hoc actions* (Cryoweb – GenResBridge), no costs were spent so far (work accomplished through email exchanges or GenResBridge meetings) and none are expected in 2019.

a. Communication about EUGENA

The SC approves this *ad hoc action*.

b. Transboundary breeds

Eleonore Charvolin-Lemaire will contact the WG chairmen to consolidate the proposal and start the *ad hoc action*.

c. Merino network

As some Spanish representatives have been included in the proposal, Montserrat Castellanos Moncho would like to try a connection between them and the official representatives of the Spanish Merino that manage the legal information about the breed or involve somehow the Spanish breed society officially recognised in the network, which is not the case so far.

The *ad hoc action* needs to be formally endorsed by the Italian National Coordinator to be approved. Also, there should be further descriptions and clear cut definitions between who are the stakeholders and the real project partners.

BLE is strongly supporting the network and offered to realize the final meeting during the international Congress on Sheep and Goats which will be held in Bonn in October 2020.

d. Other 2020 *ad hoc action*?

In order to prepare the next ITWG (June/July 2020), the SC suggests to create an *ad hoc action* as it was done for the previous ITWG. Coralie Danchin will contact Nina Sæther if she agrees to lead.

The SC suggests to ask FAO (Roswitha Baumung) if we could have a side event about the GenResBridge strategy during the ITWG.

4. Joint working groups 2020

Christina Ligda offered to host the venue in Athens, Greece, and took contacts with a hotel that can host seminars. The hotel is downtown and other hotels are available close by if extra rooms is needed for the venue. The SC thanks Christina for her offer and work.

The final decision for the meeting days will be decided between Christina Ligda, the three WG chairmen and the secretariat. Last week of April / first week of May seem a good compromise.

Since Greece is one hour ahead than most European countries, it is suggested that the meeting will start in the morning and people will have to arrive the day before.

A provisional agenda should be drafted for the next SC by the chairmen + secretariat. Among the cross sectorial working group issues, the GenResBridge strategy, the transboundary breeds ad hoc action and may be some elements for the next ITWG can be listed. However for the last item, the joint meeting might be too early to have FAO inputs.

5. Task Force permanent secretariat: plan of action

Sipke Hiemstra suggests to meet during spring 2020. After discussion, it is suggested that the TF meeting will be done at the same time period as the SC to avoid two trips to the SC members. The other TF members (previous secretariats) will be invited for $\frac{3}{4}$ of day. The SC suggests to invite Dominique Planchenault too, Eleonore Charvolin will contact him. Sipke Hiemstra will also see about getting counsels from a legal advisor and what would be the associated costs.

6. Date for the next SC/TF permanent secretariat

The next meeting of the SC will be held in March/April 2020
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The meeting closed at 13:00.