

## Minutes of the ERFP Assembly of National Coordinators

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of September, webconference

**Chair:** Sipke Joost Hiemstra, NC The Netherlands

**Participants:** See attached list

*All presentations delivered during the ERFP Assembly are uploaded on the ERFP website.*

### 1. Welcome and opening

Sipke Joost Hiemstra, the Chair of the ERFP Steering Committee, welcomes the participants of this virtual Assembly.

The Agenda is presented and there are no amendments. The agenda is accepted.

### 2. Report from the ERFP Secretariat

*Cf. [slides presentation](#) and written report (1\_ERFP\_Secretariat\_WrittenReport\_Assembly\_2020 Final.pdf) prepared by the Secretariat prior to the GA meeting.*

#### ERFP Annual Progress report

The presented Annual Progress Report 2019-2020 was approved by the Assembly.

#### ERFP Financial report

The corona situation had impact on the expenses with the cancellation of the physical meeting, including the joint WG session and the GA. In general, it is suggested to maintain the habit of holding more virtual meetings instead of some of the physical ones in the long run.

As per August 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, the remaining funds are equal to 355.257,33 €.

The general expenses in 2020 amounted to 6.948,76€ and the countries contributions to 67.700,00€ (all amounts as per 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020).

The total expenses are expected/estimated at 67.700,00 €, with total remaining funds projected at 239.211 €.

The presented final budget for 2019 was approved by the Assembly.

### 3. Reports from the ERFP Working Groups

All chairs briefly summarized the work of the group and future plans. All the details are described in the written report and in the slide presentations.

All presented reports and work plan were approved by the Assembly.

	Slide presentation	Written report	Related AH action
Doc & Info WG	<a href="#">Doc&amp;Info slide show</a>	<a href="#">Doc&amp;Info written report</a>	
Ex situ WG	<a href="#">Ex situ slide show</a>	<a href="#">Ex situ written report</a>	<a href="#">EUGENA</a>
In situ WG	<a href="#">In situ slide show</a>	<a href="#">In Situ written report</a>	<a href="#">Merino</a>

The chair congratulates Enrico Sturaro and Danijela Bojkovski for their nominations and the secretariat takes the opportunity to thank warmly the three chairs for their work on behalf of the ERFP network.

The plans for next year are approved.

AH Transboundary breeds:

The representative of RBI, Juan Vicente Delgado Bermejo, wants to know if it is possible to join the AHA and if so, what the procedure is. Enrico Sturaro thanks him for his interest and answers that any organization or NC interested by joining the group just needs to send an email to him or Eleonore Charvolin-Lemaire.

It is suggested by Danijela Bojkovski to develop a template (Example: Brief description of the area, Landscape and agricultural history, Transboundary breed description, management and collaboration...) that could be sent to all NCs to gather new examples. Enrico Sturaro thanks for the suggestion and agrees to work on the form. Eléonore Charvolin adds that some of the descriptors found in EFABIS should be included too, to promote its implementation.

#### 4. FAO report

*Cf. [slide presentation](#).*

The Secretariat informed the NCs that it was discussed during the SC how to link the breeds' information provided to ERFP and countries information in EFABIS.

#### 5. Progress report by the EAAP WG-AnGR

*Cf. [slide presentation](#).*

Jesus Fernandez was informed by EAAP that there will be no special fee for the NCs to attend the virtual meeting.

#### 6. Communication strategy and Ad Hoc Action proposal

*Cf. [slide presentation](#)*

The secretariat is asking all NCs to send addresses of websites with relevant information about their breeds, even if it is developed only in their national language.

Roswitha Baumung reminds the audience to use DAD-Net to advertise to a wide audience (3000 members) about AnGR news.

Since Grazyna Polak (Poland) is quite active in providing information, it is suggested that she joins the AHA. Grazyna agrees.

## **7. TF Future ERFP Secretariat - concept note**

[Cf. slide presentation](#)

It is reminded that the choice of portal for EUGENA will have budget implications. The general feeling is that the TF should work further on the budget implications of the various choices that could be made. In general, ERFP should communicate better on the work done and its growing ambition to convince the different countries to pay the contribution, which will be probably higher in the near future.

The ERFP contribution is still an issue for some countries since ERFP does not have a legal body. There was a consensus (cf. SWOT analysis) that we should not go toward that direction, so a pragmatically way to tackle this issue might be that NCs share how they manage to pay the ERFP contribution.

## **8. Proposals of new Ad hoc actions**

[Cf. slide presentations.](#)

NCs can send their proposals for a new AHA till November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The ITWG AHA will be 100% virtual, so no cost should be associated.

The presented AHA (Communication strategy; Database interoperability; ITWG; Transboundary breeds; GenResbridge) are approved by the General Assembly.

The Secretariat will be in touch with Fabio Pilla to see about drafting a proposal for a follow-up of the Merino action.

## **9. ERFP 2021 budget approval**

[Cf. secretariat report and slide presentations.](#)

Due to the sanitary situation there is a high level of uncertainty as far as how many virtual meetings could be hosted next year. Christina Ligda renews her proposal to host the joint WG meeting in Greece next year if the situation allows it.

The future plans were approved by the Assembly.

The total budget proposal in the amount 132 000 € for the year 2021 was presented.

The 2021 budget was approved.

## 10. GenRes Bridge – brief introduction of the project and roadmap

*Cf. slides presentation: [Danijela Bojkovski's one](#) – [Sipke Hemstra's one](#).*

The objectives of the presentation were:

- to give the timeline of the Integrated Strategy and offer the NCs the possibility of discussing of their comments online thanks to webinars set September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The draft Integrated Strategy was supposed to be delivered September 14<sup>th</sup> by the University of Birmingham (task leader), it will be then distributed to all NCs for reactions. Danijela Bojkovski, as the leader of the GenResBridge Ad Hoc action, will synthesize the feedback and send it to the task leader. Danijela insists on the fact that each comment should include a solution or a rephrasing. The Integrated Strategy will be discussed between representatives of the three domains during the virtual GenResBridge workshop to be held November 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup>.

- to use the opportunity of the GA to discuss the draft outline of the AnGR strategy. The participants were split in three groups (cf. participant list in the annex) led respectively by Danijela Bojkovski, Sipke Hiemstra and Enrico Sturaro.

The three domains are following more or less the same outline, with some deviations due to their specificities. The inputs of each group will be included by Danijela and discussed with the AHA group if needed. More comments can be sent by email to Danijela Bojkovski till September 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the draft outline is consolidated, each leader of the different chapter will start drafting the strategy. The first version of the strategy is expected by the end of the year and will be sent to all NCs for comments.

## 11. AOB

The audience considers that the first virtual GA was a success. The secretariat wants to thank all the participants for their active contributions and mostly the chairmen and AHA leaders for their work.

The second day of the meeting ended at 12:45

**The next GA will be held in Switzerland or virtually, depending on the sanitary situation**

## List of participants:

Country or International Organization:	Function	First name:	Last name:	Day 1	Day 2
Armenia	NC	Manvel	Badalyan	Yes	Yes
Iceland	NC	Birna Kristin	Baldursdóttir	Yes	Yes
FAO	Invited	Roswitha	Baumung	Yes	Yes
Spain	Invited	Laura	Becker Alonso	Yes	
Austria	NC	Beate	Berger	Yes	Yes
FAO	Observer	Paul	Boettcher	Yes	
Slovenia	NC	Danijela	Bojkovski	Yes	Yes
Spain	Observer	Almudena	Calavia	Yes	Yes
Spain	Invited	Anaïs	Carapaica	Yes	Yes
Portugal	NC	Nuno	Carolino	Yes	Yes
Spain	NC rep.	Montse	Castellanos Moncho	Yes	Yes
ERFP	Secretariat	Eleonore	Charvolin	Yes	Yes
ERFP	Secretariat	Coralie	Danchin	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom	NC	Rachel	Davis	Yes	Yes
Rare Breed International	Observer	Juan Vicente	Delgado Bermejo	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	Invited	Zhivko	Duchev	Yes	Yes
Macedonia (FYR)	NC	Vladimir	Dzabirski	Yes	Yes
EAAP	Invited	Jesús	Fernández	Yes	Yes
France	NC	Florian	Giraud	Yes	Yes
EFFAB	Observer	Ana	Granados Chapatte	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	NC	Georgia	Hadjipavlou	Yes	Yes
The Netherlands	NC	Sipke J	Hiemstra	Yes	Yes
Norway	Technical adviser	Anna	Holene	Yes	
Nordgen	Observer	Mervi	Honkatukia	Yes	Yes
Croatia	NC	Ante	Ivanković	Yes	Yes
Estonia	NC	Sirje	Jalakas	Yes	Yes
Latvia	NC	Gita	Jansone	Yes	Yes
Nordgen	Observer	Line Sass	Kierkegaard	Yes	Yes
Nordgen	Observer	Maria	Kjetsa	Yes	Yes
Albania	NC	Kristaq	Kume	Yes	
United Kingdom	NC	Caroline	Liddell	Yes	Yes
Greece	NC	Christina	Ligda	Yes	Yes
Czech Republic	NC	Věra	Mátlová	Yes	
Spain	NC	Maria	Mora	Yes	Yes
Rare Breed International	Observer	Francisco J.	Navas González	Yes	Yes
Czech Republic	Technical adviser	Tomáš	Němeček	Yes	
The Netherlands	Technical adviser	Marjolein	Neuteboom	Yes	
Turkey	NC	Sezer	Oz	Yes	Yes
Poland	NC	Grazyna	Polak	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	NC	Melissa	Raemy	Yes	

Country or International Organization:	Function	First name:	Last name:	Day 1	Day 2
Ireland	NC	Sharon	Ryan	Yes	
Norway	NC	Nina	Sæther	Yes	Yes
Germany	NC rep.	Jan Hendrik	Schneider	Yes	Yes
Sweden	NC	Eva-Marie	Stålhammar	Yes	Yes
Serbia	NC	Srdjan	Stojanovic	Yes	Yes
Italy	WG chair	Enrico	Sturaro	Yes	Yes
Lithuania	NC	Rūta	Šveistienė	Yes	Yes
Spain	WG chair	Fernando	Tejerina	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	NC	Jan	Tomka	Yes	Yes