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Chair of the Documentation and Information working group

Report of Documentation and Information ERF working group - - 2020/2021

1. Objectives of the group (Summary)

Over the past number of years, a European information system for animal genetic resources (EFABIS) as a contribution and gateway to transfer data from national information systems (national inventories) to the global information system, DAD-IS at the FAO, has been developed. National experts in charge of the national inventories and nominated by National Coordinators are therefore now requested to upload their national data into EFABIS.

The EFABIS is essential for monitoring and an assessment of the diversity of AnGR in Europe and allows for an informed decision-making by countries from a regional perspective. Both monitoring and assessment as well as user needs might require further functionalities of EFABIS which should be identified and further developed by the ERF Working Group Documentation and Information.

The documentation of AnGR is one of the main targets of the GPA and an important basis for informed decision-making by countries, at European region (ERFP) level and at global level (FAO). Countries are supported by the ERF Working Group Documentation and Information in the establishment of their national inventories for AnGR.

2. Membership of the group (chair in grey)

Country	Name Member	Surname
Albania	Kristaq	KUME
Bulgaria	Zhivko	DUCHEV
Croatia	Ante	IVANKOVIĆ
Cyprus	Georgia	HADJIPAVLOU
Czech Republic	Tomas	NEMECEK
FAO*	Roswitha	BAUMUNG*
France	Eléonore	CHARVOLIN-LEMAIRE
Germany	Holger	GÖDERZ
Greece	Christina	LIGDA
Iceland	Birna K.	BALDURSDÓTTIR
Ireland	John D.	CARTY

Country	Name Member	Surname
Italy	Enrico	STURARO
Lithuania	Gediminas	VAGONIS
Montenegro	Božidarka	MARKOVIĆ
Nordgen*	Mervi	HONKATUKIA
Norway	Anna	HOLENE
Poland	Grazyna	POLAK
Portugal	Filomena	AFONSO
Romania	Razvan	POPA
Serbia	Srdjan	STOJANOVIĆ
Slovakia	Ján	TOMKA
Slovenia	Tina	FLISAR
Spain	Monica	MARTIN CORNEJO
The Netherlands	Rita	HOVING
Turkey	Mesut	YILDIRIR
Ukraine	Nataliia	RIEZYNYKOVA
Ukraine	Leonid V.	VISHNEVSKY
United Kingdom	Caroline	LIDDELL
United Kingdom	Rachel	DAVIS

* Observer

3. Activities in the past year and output/results

The plan for 2020 -2021 included the following activities:

- Feedback to FAO on DAD-IS/EFABIS: during the year the WG actively supported FAO for the management of DAD-IS/EFABIS; this is one of the regular activities of the Documentation and Information working group
- Contribution to Ad hoc action: “Transboundary breeds in Europe. Promote concerted action between countries”. The Ad Hoc Action was proposed and approved last year. It is coordinated by Eleonore Charvolin and Enrico Sturaro, and it is a joint activities involving members of the three ERFP WGs + invited stakeholders. During 2020-2021 regular meetings were organised online. The first results will be presented at the EAAP 2021 conference and published on GENRES Journal. The coordinators proposed to extend the Ad hoc action to 2022 to complete the activities developed during 2021. The budget assigned for 2021 was not used (due to COVID restrictions), and it can be maintained for 2022 (workshop + publication fees if needed).
- Contribution to GENRESBRIDGE project: strategies and training on data quality/completeness.

The Documentation and Information working group contributed to the preparation of AnGR and Integrated strategies and to several tasks of GenRes Bridge project. The members of the WG are particularly involved in WP4 task 4.1, related to the training for data quality and completeness. The activities for this task have been postponed at the end of 2021 and will be held as virtual meeting due to COVID restrictions.

- Presentation on Mediterranean AnGR: documentation, cooperation: during EAAP 2020 Christina Ligda presented preliminary results on Mediterranean AnGR. During 2020 it was not possible to organise a workshop, the proposal is to have an online workshop for the next year.
- Meeting of the Working Group Information and Documentation was held on June 1st 2021 online and the Agenda is available on ERFP website.

4. Plans and priorities for the next year (to be formally approved by Assembly)

During the meeting of the Working Group Information and Documentation (June 1st 2021) the following activities were proposed:

- Feedback to FAO on DAD-Is/EFABIS: as previously explained, this is the regular activity of the WG, and it will be further developed for the next year
- Contribution to Ad hoc action on transboundary breeds: to be continued for another year
- Support to implementation of AnGR strategy/implementation of new indicators for EFABIS
- Contribution to communication strategy: availability to collaborate in the development (Grazyna Polak available to represent the WG)
 - GENRES JOURNAL can offer visibility with a special issue and/or position paper : “State of European GR...”
- Collaboration to Ad hoc action/Task force: assessment of breeding program
- Mediterranean GR: proposal for online meeting

5. Other

The activities will be planned according to the evolution of COVID-19 situation.