

Minutes of the ERFP Steering Committee meeting

July 9th 2021 webconference

Participants:

Chair: Sipke Joost Hiemstra, The Netherlands

National coordinators, members of the SC:

Christina Ligda, Greece

Montserrat Castellanos Moncho, Spain

Jan Hendrik Schneider, Germany

Srdjan Stojanović, Serbia

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Secretariat:

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

Melissa

Sipke Hiemstra welcomes the participants and introduces the agenda.

1. Final decision about the GA

The SC decided to conduct an on-line General Assembly instead of having it in Bern (Switzerland). The SC took this difficult choice based on the fact that holding a physical meeting will leave out too many National Coordinators (NCs) out of the ERFP decision making process. The ERFP's main orientations need to be taken on a fair basis. The SC would like to deeply thank Melissa Raemy (Switzerland) and her team for all the great work they did to hold a physical meeting.

Therefore a virtual SC will be held August 26th, and a virtual General Assembly in September on the dates held previously by the secretariat, Thursday September 9th and Friday September 10th. The SC suggested also to hold a two hours webinar about ERFP actions to be opened to any person interested by ERFP activities.

The Secretariat will make a draft agenda for the General Assembly to be validated by the SC in the next days, followed by a draft agenda and a "save the date" email to all NCs and ERFP experts.

2. List of 5 observers for the GenResBridge final event

The final GenResBridge dissemination event will be held 30th of November. It will be planned both as an event in person and as virtual event. While the virtual participation will be made as wide as possible, the organizers need to define the list of people that can be invited to

Brussels. The resources to travel and accommodate are about 20 representatives per domain + another 5 cross-domain (such as Irene Hoffmann). For this reason the organizers would like ERFP to provide them with a list of names, following the attached format. It needs to be noted that the External Advisory Board (which includes EAAP and EFFAB for instance) and EC representatives will be invited anyway, regardless the domain they are affiliated with, and that project partners will have to come with their own budget. The organizers are fine for ERFP to give them a list of NCs after our General Assembly but they would like us to send the list of 3-5 non-countries representatives that we would like to be invited by the end of July.

After discussion by the the SC, the following list of people is suggested:

Geert Boink	SAVE Network Office	The Netherlands
Juan Vicente Delgado Bermejo	RARE BREED INTERNATIONAL	Spain
Jesús Fernandez Martin	Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria	Spain
András Gaspardý	DAGENE	Hungary
Fernando Tejerina	Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentacion	Spain

3. Alcandora contract

The terms of contract are discussed and the general idea is that efforts need to provide relevant information for our community. More connections need to be done with accounts that are linked with our community, not enough information are relayed from the breeding conservation world. Lauriane Lareus from IDELE could be working in suggesting the connections and providing more information.

The comments on the contracts will be relayed to Alcandora then the ERFP secretariat will proceed to its signature by IDELE.

4. EAAP Congress: list of speakers for the challenge session

The main focus of the challenge session will be on the GenResBridge strategy, with two presentations, one on the European Genetic Resources Strategy by Nigel Maxed and one on the Animal Genetic Resources Strategy by Danijela Bojkovski. Two more talks will present the demonstration cases and the last one will be about the Transboundary breeds Ad Hoc action. The session will end with a round table including EFFAB (Ana Granados), INRAE (Michèle Tixier Boichard), Nigel Maxed, one ERFP SC representative and an EU representative, Ewa Camara. However her participation is impeded by the fact that s not able to pay for EAAP registration. After discussion, the SC agrees to pay for her registration.

5. Zoom subscription

The ERFP subscription will end before the next Steering Committee. The SC approves the renewal of the subscription since online meetings will still be used whatever the sanitary situation will be.

The next meeting of the SC will be held virtually August 26th 2021

The meeting closed at 13:00.