

## Minutes of the ERFP Steering Committee meeting

August 27<sup>th</sup> 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

Ruta Šveistienė, Lithuania

### Working groups chairmen

Danijela Bojkovski (*in situ* WG)

Enrico Sturaro (Doc & Info WG)

Fernando Tejerina Ampudia (*ex situ* WG)

### FAO representative

Roswitha Baumung

### Secretariat:

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

## 1. Welcome and presentation of the SC – agenda

Sipke Hiemstra asks the Secretariat to present the agenda. The webinar preparation will be discussed when the WG chairs are present since they are part of the preparation.

All the documents presented were sent before the meeting so the SC could prepare their questions in advance to facilitate the web meeting.

## 2. Bilateral meeting of the ERFP SC and the FAO

Roswitha Baumung updated the SC on the latest news about FAO and presenting the slides that will be shown during the GA for comments.

Comments on the synthesis progress report: Europe has the second best indicator after North America for the SPA1 and its worst indicator is for the SPA3 (conservation). Overall the region is better than all other part of the world, except for North America.

Roswitha Baumung wants to thank the ERFP network on behalf of FAO for its contributions to the cryoconservation guidelines, as well as Zhivko Duchevev for his various ideas to help the DAD IS/EFABIS development.

It is reminded that the update of SDG indicators is in the hand of the UN which is the only organisation that can decide the update calendar (once to twice a year). For these reasons there are times in the year where they can be a gap between the country data and their evaluation by the SDG indicators. It is suggested that this difference should be mentioned on the EFABIS portal for clarification.

A question is raised about the involvement of FAO in the GenResBridge advisory board: how the FAO can play a role in the implementation of the strategy?

The best forum to make such a request is the CGRFA since it is a cross sectorial issue. It is reminded that the FAO plays only a coordination role while actions are in the hand of the countries.

On another hand it is reminded that FAO is involved in many EU forum and could probably support the strategy at these levels.

A new team member was hired by FAO to improve its communication; Roswitha will try to impulse a meeting between FAO and ERFP to see how we can work together; depending on the topics Alcandora could join the meeting.

As a conclusion for this bilateral meeting Roswitha Baumung would like to thank the ERFP network for the collaboration, and informative overview.

**The bilateral meeting closed at 10:30**

### **3. Progress and financial reports**

The changes discussed during the Steering Committee (start date for the infographics Ad Hoc Action to be included in the 2021 budget, node manager contract budget for 2022) will be included in the report sent to the NCs before the GA. The 2020 budget will have to be formally approved during the GA.

### **4. Communication**

IDELE will keep searching internally to get staff time on communication issues. The time spent will be tracked thanks to the time sheet that are filled by all employees in IDELE. The SC proposal is that IDELE can spend up till 10 000€ for this specific task.

The secretariat will reach its end of term in August 2022. The launch for application will be stated during the GA, bearing in mind that France agrees to fulfill another term. Communication issues will be included in the proposal to be drafted by France.

Alcandora just released the new version of the corporate video. The link is sent to all the members of the SC for reaction within a week.

## **5. Meeting with the WG/TF Chairs / final plans**

Cf. reports provided by each chair that will be distributed to the NCs before the GA.

The organisation of the webinar is discussed; the targeted audience is people that are relevant to provide information and/or join the ERFP network but not aware about our actions. All NCs and WG experts have been invited and asked to disseminate the information. It is suggested to post the news on DAD-net.

- **In situ Working Group**

The major task to finalise is the booklet to “Promote and support rural development measures for AnGR”.

The chair of the group is also leading the GenResBridge AHA and will follow its implementation. The SC takes the opportunity to thank Danijela warmly for all her involvement in the project.

A discussion follows up the presentation of the task: “Use of local breeds in landscape management”. This task could lead to an AHA, in link with members of the Doc & Info WG and partners of the GenResBridge project such as Tor Myking.

- **Doc & Info Working Group**

The virtual meeting led to a high participation to the WG meeting than usual.

Interoperability AHA. Zhivko Ducheve agreed to lead the project. At least three stakeholders should be involved: ERFP/EUGENA, FAO and IMAGE representatives.

TF breeding programs => link with three groups and Doc & Info mostly. This TF also needs a leader. All the chairs will support the TF.

- **Ex situ**

The SC congratulates Fernando Tejerina for his re-election.

The one step procedure to sign the EUGENA MoU needs the GA approval. Another issue for GA discussion is how to follow up the action on genebank software since a building a

common project is not realistic. If a group of country is interested in sharing some common goals, the chair will offer to help.

## **6. GenResBridge: organisation of the GA**

The EGRS will be presented to the GA for endorsement by the ERFP network. The main focus of the GA will be the AnGR strategy action plan and the GA provisional agenda is therefore slightly amended to take this into consideration.

## **7. AOB**

The secretariat will send both strategies to the NCs before the GA and will explain what is expected for both.

**The next meeting of the SC will be held virtually or in Brussels by the end of 2021**

**The meeting closed at 17:00.**