



# Genetic Resources

# - a new journal serving all GR sectors

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# History of GenRes journals



- Plant Genetic Resources Newsletter, FAO & IPGRI (1957 – 2008)
- Animal Genetic Resources, FAO (1983 – 2016)



 Where to publish literature on GenRes, including practical guidelines, collecting mission reports, methodology standards etc.?



Genetic resources for a food-secure and forested Europe

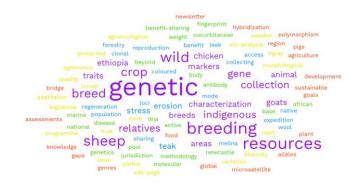


A new journal as collaborative effort of all GenRes Sectors

Within GenRes Bridge, *Genetic Resources* was established to offer free publishing and free online access to provide an inclusive space for GR stakeholders of all domains to report on their work, to share global knowledge and tools and to present new approaches or methods that may not be suitable for purely scientific journals.



### Genetic Resources





# Editorial board (Dec 2021)



### **Editorial Team**

#### Managing editor:

Sandra Goritschnig (European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources, Italy)

#### **Plant Genetic Resources:**

Joana Brehm (University of Birmingham, UK) Luigi Guarino (The Crop Trust, Germany) Igor Loskutov (Vavilov Institute of Plant Genetic Resources, Russia) Lorenzo Maggioni (European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources, Italy) Nigel Maxted (University of Birmingham, UK) Jade Phillips (University of Birmingham, UK) Alvaro Toledo (International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO, Italy)

#### Animal Genetic Resources:

Peer Berg (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway) Grégoire Leroy (Animal Genetics, FAO, Italy) Enrico Sturaro (University of Padova, Italy) Odd Vangen (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway) Etienne Verrier (AgroParisTech, France)

\* Luigi Guarino and Odd Vangen end their term on the editorial team by end of 2021.



# Journal policies:



Open access (free to publish, free to read)
Peer-reviewed (single-blind)
Publication ethics
Publish editorials, original articles, short communications, reviews and other papers (strategies, case studies, guidelines etc...)
Two regular issues annually, occasionally special issues

Using an open-source platform we created a professional product that can be maintained at low running costs.



Journal launched in Feb 2020



### www.GenResJ.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Genetic Resources is an open access peer-reviewed journal publishing original research, reviews, short communications and other articles on plant, animal and forest genetic resources, serving stakeholders within and across domains. It is a platform to share domain specific and interdisciplinary knowledge and tools used by the global community of practitioners involved in monitoring, collecting, maintaining, conserving, characterizing and using genetic resources for food, agriculture and forestry.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### New original article published

2021-12-09

A new original article has been published! You can access it at: https://doi.org/10.46265/genresj.EIFL1323

#### New original article published 2021-11-10



LINKS

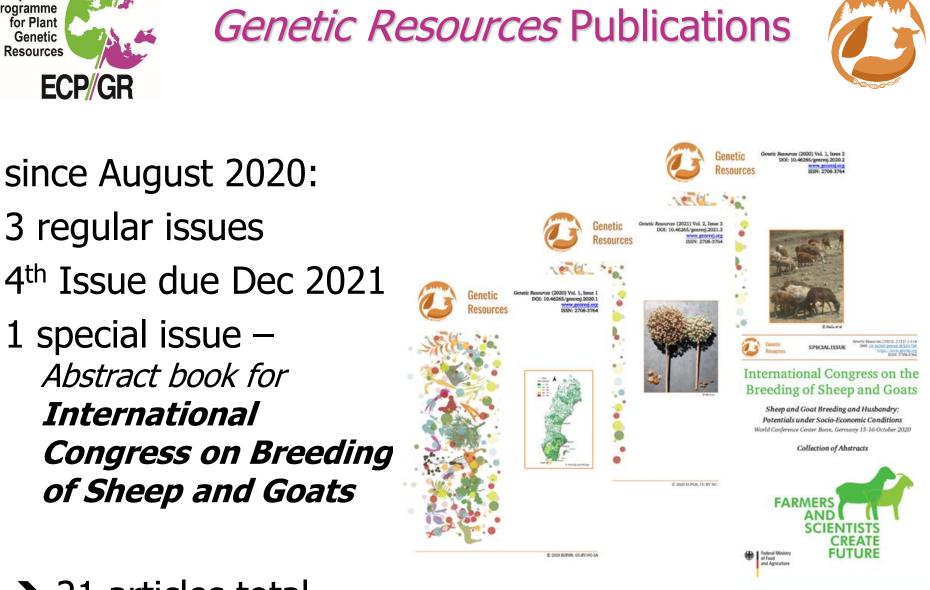
INFORMATION

For Authors For Librarians

Author Guidelines **Reviewer Guidelines** 

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reprint access be FOC BY 4.00, wh

3 regular issues 4<sup>th</sup> Issue due Dec 2021 1 special issue – Abstract book for International **Congress on Breeding** of Sheep and Goats

→ 21 articles total



### AnGR articles in Genetic Resources





RENT ARCHIVES ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT -

1. Home / 2. Animal Genetic Resources

#### **Animal Genetic Resources**

10 Items

#### **All Items**

Local breeds and pastoral farming on the North Mediterranean shore: a univocal coevolution? An example of dairy sheep farming systems in Corsica (France) and Thessaly (Greece) Lola Perucho, Ioannis Hadjigeorgiou, Anne Lauvie, Charles-Henri Moulin, Jean-Christophe Paoli, Christina Ligda 7-20

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#### International Congress on the Breeding of Sheep and Goats

Abstract book

Christian Gerlinger (ed.), Etienne Verrier (ed.), Sandra Goritschnig (ed.) 1-114

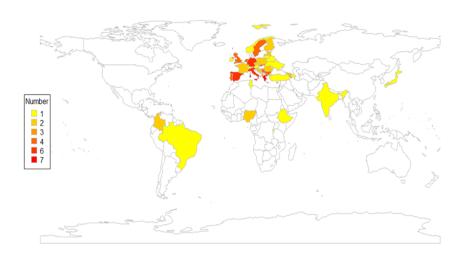
Genetic diversity and population structure among indigenous and imported goat breeds in Kenya Ruth W Waineina, Kiplangat Ngeno , Tobias O. Okeno, Evans D. Ilatsia 25:35 10 Articles relevant for AnGR, including 3 crossdomain contributions

+ 1 in production+ 6 under review

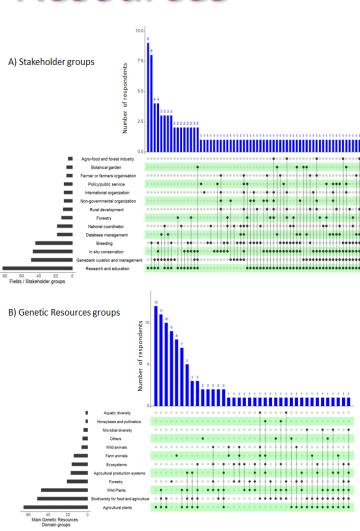


Survey on impact and uptake of journal confirms global readership and support of stakeholders for its continuation:

https://www.genresj.org/index.php/grj/ impactreport2021



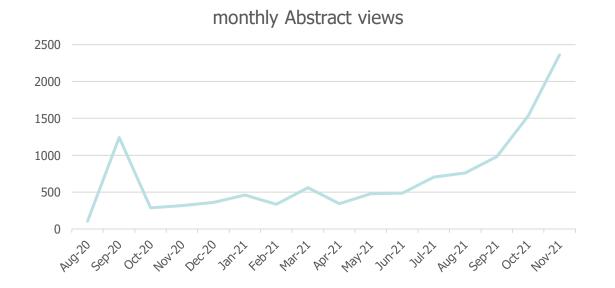
Number of respondents per country





A sustainability plan (D4.6 of GenResBridge) was formulated to propose options for continuation of *Genetic Resources* as a joint effort of European GR networks

- ECPGR supports continuation and as publisher would continue to host the editorial office
- EUFORGEN continues to not support the journal
- ERFP StCo discusses levels of support for journal on 16 December.





# Activities of editorial office



Activity		journal manager	copyeditor	production editor
general maintenance (respond to requests from authors,	days/	2		
editors, reviewers; update webpage; make	month			
announcements; social media)				
Assistance to peer-review process (communicate with	days/	0,5		
editors, identify potential reviewers, send reminders)	submission			
copyediting of accepted articles (language editing, check	days/		1-2	
for completeness, grammatical correctness, correct format	accepted			
for production)	article			
production of pdf and html galley (using typeset software;	days/			1-2
checking references, table and figure formatting, updating	accepted			
metadata)	article			
publication of articles (communication with authors to	days/	0,5		
review copyedits and galleys, upload galleys to website,	accepted			
register DOI, check metadata)	article			
Create full issue pdf	days/issue			0,5
Total estimated workload per year (based on 15 accepted	days	41,5	15-30	16-31
submissions)				

### Annual cost estimate at present:

- ~3,000 Euros for software/subscriptions
- 4 Person months for editorial office (~25,000 Euros)



- Editorial team members → voluntary position, guide submissions through review process. workload depends on #submissions and #editors
- Reviewers for Genetic Resources → voluntary to ensure quality and suitability of publications and assist with language editing; workload depends on #submissions and #volunteers
- Genetic Resources regular maintenance and editorial office → Financial support for regular activities to maintain journal and website, assist review process and produce articles



### **ERFP SC decisions**



- ERFP SC is invited to:
  - Nominate additional <u>Editorial board members</u> covering the AnGR domain
  - Discuss potential financial or personnel support for the journal as contribution to the sustainability plan (October 2021)
    - an even split between ECPGR and ERFP of current cost estimate would be  ${\sim}14k$  each
- ERFP stakeholders are invited to:
  - Register as reviewers, indicating their expertise
  - Consider publishing in *Genetic Resources*



### Together we can make "Genetic Resources" a success!



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