

Project update



- Since first meeting of AEGIS Steering Committee:
 - Project Manager started mid August 2004
 - Countries invited and confirmed participation in project September
 - Informal sub-group of SC met November 2004 Rome
 - Project Partner start-up meeting 26-27 November 2004, Alnarp

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- Project Partner start-up meeting:
 - Purpose of start-up meeting:
 - Inform and update the Project Partners
 - The Project Partners to prepare workplans for respective crops based upon presentations and the Project Document

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- Project Partner start-up meeting:
 - Recommendations and general reactions from Project Partners:
 - Need to outline advantages and benefits obtained in the system
 - Need to address decisions to be taken at different level (higher)
 - Need support at the national governmental level
 - Some Project Partners raised concern about an integrated system

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- Follow up to concern raised by Project Partners:
 - Establishment of Local AEGIS Task Force at IPGRI
 - Jan Engels, Ehsan Dulloo, Jozef Turok, Lorenzo Maggioni, Birgitte Lund
 - Decision to prepare an AEGIS 'Vision Paper'
 - The Local Task Force and the Steering Committee

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- Other activities spring 2005:
 - Newsletter for Europe: Article on update of project
 - Visit to European Commission by Jozef Turok
 - Briefing about AEGIS
 - Request of the European Commission:
 - to send draft version of 'Vision Paper' for input in due time
 - to update on progress made

AEGIS Meetings at IPGRI



- 20 June: AEGIS Steering Committee
- 21 June: joint between AEGIS SC and Trust (FAO)
- 22 June: joint between AEGIS SC and Project Partners
- 23 & 24 June: Project Partners

Purpose of Meetings:



- To finalize the Vision Paper for an integrated genebank system in Europe
- To ensure a common understanding of what we ultimately want to achieve through the AEGIS project
- To share the vision widely with:
 - the ECP/GR technical partners
 - the policy-makers in Europe