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AEGIS

Update of the *Brassica* group

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The Alnarp meeting

- Small group, unknown to each other
- Focus on standards for collection management
 - Agreement on necessity of standards
- Workplan
 - Translation Quality Manual CGN ✓
 - Informing curators *Brassica* collections about AEGIS
 - Proposition minimum standards to curators
- Workplan has not been carried out. Why?

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No results – why?

■ No clear goals

- No conclusion on *what* an integrated system should look like
- No conclusion on *how* an integrated system should be achieved
- Uncertainty about political support

■ No authority, no mandate

- How to convince all other EUR curators of necessity?
- No clear short term advantage
- Uncertainty about returns on investment

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No results – why?

- No pressure
 - We would not be sacked
 - No financial consequences
- Thus, no priority
- Everybody waiting

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How to go forward?

■ Carrot:

- An idea of the integrated system
 - Curators are not able to develop this
- Clarity on the approach
 - i.e. all countries, major collection holders, dedicated genebanks?
- Money for major tasks

■ Even then:

- no priority
- too dependent on dedicated individuals

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How to go forward?

- Stick:
- Commitment genebanks on management level
 - Priority
 - Consequences
- Consensus at project level on a driving force
 - Clear view on the goals
 - Clear mandate
 - For many years
 - Reminding, demanding results on deadlines

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How to go forward? – The *Brassica* - group

- An vision of the model is needed
- Focus on standardisation
 - revise workplan
 - small, realistic steps
 - ensuring success - adoption
 - show results to genebank community



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Conclusions

- No blames
- Concept OK
 - Towards a rationalized system
- Approach needs revisiting
 - Role of a pilot project!

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English version Quality Manual CGN

- www.cgn.wur.nl
- Estimated costs
 - Total 2002 – 2004: € 230.000
 - External: € 27.000

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