



Eleventh meeting of the ECPGR Steering Committee 2-5 September 2008, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Annotated Agenda

2 September 2008 (morning)

Opening (Chair: G. Djurić)

- 8:30 – 9:00 Opening statements by representatives of the host country and Bioversity
9:00 – 9:15 Adoption of the Agenda

Report on Phase VII (Chair: G. Djurić)

Background document (BD): Secretariat report

- 9:15 – 10:15 Technical and financial report of Phase VII (*L. Maggioni*)
10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee break*
10:45 – 11:45 **Discussion and recommendations**

The Steering Committee (SC) is expected to discuss the implementation of Phase VII and comment on issues raised by the Coordinator that could influence the next Phase, in particular regarding the publication strategy and the country quota.

The technical report of Phase VII, including the financial status, is submitted for approval to the SC.

BD: Networks progress reports

- 11:45 – 12:05 Forages, Fruit, In situ and On-Farm Conservation and Oil and Protein Crop Networks (*I. Rashal*)
12:05 – 12:30 Cereals, Sugar, Starch and Fibre Crops, Vegetables, Inter-regional Cooperation, and Documentation and Information Networks (*M. Veteläinen*)
12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*
14:00 – 15:00 **Discussion and recommendations**

The SC is expected to discuss any item or recommendation proposed during the presentations by the two facilitators, I. Rashal and M. Veteläinen.

2 September 2008 (afternoon)

AEGIS (Chair: B. Visser)

BD: AEGIS Coordinator report / AEGIS MoU

15:00 – 15:30 Progress of AEGIS and perspectives for the future (*J. Engels*)

15:30 – 16:30 **Discussion and recommendations**

The AEGIS report is submitted for approval to the SC.

The SC is expected to specifically discuss and to decide on the proposed actions in the AEGIS Coordinator report.

16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00 – 17:30 The AEGIS Memorandum of Understanding (*G. Moore*)

17:30 – 18:30 **Discussion and recommendations**

The MoU is submitted for approval of the Steering Committee.

The SC should reach a conclusion on a consensus text that will then be submitted for signature to the respective countries' authorities and decide on the implementation process of the MOU (see point 10, AEGIS Coordinator report).

3 September 2008 (morning)

Documentation and Information (Chair: G. Popsimonova)

BD: Proposed registration of accessions and MTA reporting procedures / Draft vision paper for a European Information Landscape

- 8:30 – 8:50 Progress of EURISCO and future views (*S. Dias*)
8:50 – 9:10 EURISCO as a service to the International Treaty (*F. Begemann*)
9:10 – 9:30 The Global Information Germplasm (GIG) project (*M. Mackay*)
9:30 – 10:00 Vision for a European PGR Information Landscape (*Th. van Hintum*)
10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee break*
10:30 – 11:30 **Discussion and recommendations**

The SC is expected to comment on the various aspects leading to a future European PGR Information Landscape. In particular, decisions are expected regarding:

- *Proposed procedures for registration of accessions under the MLS of the IT and to AEGIS as well as for reporting on germplasm transactions using the sMTA.*
- *Participation of ECPGR in the GIG project and appointment of its member(s) in the ALIS International Steering Committee.*

ECPGR and other international fora/institutions (Chair: Z. Bulinska)

BD: Draft ECPGR strategy for collaboration with EU

- 11:30 – 11:45 Draft ECPGR strategy for collaboration with the EU (*J. Turok*)
11:45 – 12:00 Reflection on ECPGR strategy for collaboration with the EU by the EC (*EC representative, to be confirmed*)
12:00 – 12:30 **Discussion and recommendations**

The SC is expected to agree on a strategy for collaboration with the EU.

- 12:30 – 13:45 *Lunch*
13:45 – 14:00 Global Crop Diversity Trust and the regional Networks (*L. Guarino*)
14:00 – 14:15 Information on the Svalbard Global Seed Vault (*J. Kathle*)
14:15 – 14:30 Information on the State of the World's PGRFA report (*E. Guimaraes*)
14:30 – 15:00 **Discussion and recommendations**

Open discussion - No specific decisions are anticipated.

3 September 2008 (afternoon)

Planning for subsequent Phase VIII (Chair: J. Weibull)

BD: Networks projects and budgets

15:00 – 15:10 Review of ECPGR objectives for Phase VIII (i.e. Riga decisions) (*L. Maggioni*)

15:10 – 15:30 **Discussion**

Comments or clarifications, in view of reconfirming the ECPGR objectives for Phase VIII.

15:30 – 16:30 Review of Forages, Fruit, In situ and On-Farm Conservation and Oil and Protein Crop Networks (*I. Rashal*)

16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00 – 18:00 Review of Cereals, Sugar, Starch and Fibre Crops, Vegetables, Inter-regional Cooperation and Documentation and Information Networks (*M. Veteläinen*)

18:00 – 19:00 **Discussion and recommendations**

The SC is expected to discuss recommendations proposed during the presentations by the two facilitators, I. Rashal and M. Veteläinen.

General items for discussion include:

- Networks' decisions not to prioritize among crops*
- Criteria for allocation of funds to the Networks*
- In situ Network Task Forces (Should they become Working Groups?)*

The discussion should bring elements for a decision on budget allocation to the Networks, to be finalized during the following day.

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Planning for subsequent Phase VIII (continued) (Chair: F. Begemann)

BD: Budget proposal

8:30 – 8:35 ECPGR membership (*L. Maggioni*)

8:35 – 8:45 Information from non-member countries

8:45 – 9:00 **Discussion and recommendations**

Open discussion – no specific decisions are anticipated.

9:00 – 9:30 The proposed budget for Phase VIII (*J. Turok*)

9:30 – 10:30 **Discussion and recommendations**

Country contributions and a total budget for Phase VIII should be agreed by consensus.

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 13:00 **Decision on itemized budget lines**

Specific budget lines should be agreed by consensus, including approval of specific budget proposals submitted by the Networks.

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Half-day excursion

5 September 2008

Wrap-up

- 8:30 – 13:00 Finalizing the draft report
Members who are not involved in the drafting are free in the morning
- 13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

Conclusion (Chair: G. Kleijer)

- 14:30 – 16:30 Approval of recommendations
- 16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee*
- 17:00 – 17:15 Proposal for an independent external review of ECPGR (*J. Weibull*)
- 17:15 – 17:45 **Discussion and recommendations**
- 17:45 – 18:15 *SC is expected to decide on next steps*
Any other business and closing remarks

Social dinner