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**Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase IX)**  
**Third Call for proposals**  
**Subject: Proposal 'SMARTLEG'**

Dear Creola,

Kindly note that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 30 May 2016, approved for funding the proposal 'SMARTLEG'. The Steering Committee will have to clear the decision with regard to the partnership in the projects.

We will contact the Activity Coordinator as soon as the above formalities are completed, regarding the Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

The ExCo requested that you provide an explanation on which basis you intend to select the 90 accessions of *P. coccineus* from partner genebanks.

You are also required to make some adjustments in the table of Activity Partners. The ExCo decided that only one partner per institution can be funded. Therefore, you should please select only one partner from the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops, Novi Sad, Serbia and one from the University of Leon Avda, Spain. The second partners from these institutes that are currently listed can be included among the self-funded partners.

Please also note that the partners from Spain will not be eligible for ECPGR funding until this country complies with ECPGR Rule of Procedure 1.7, related to outstanding membership fees. Also the partners from Armenia and Ukraine are not eligible for funding as these countries did not join Phase IX of ECPGR. You are welcome to include all non-eligible partners (from Armenia, Ukraine, one from Serbia-Novı Sad and one from Spain-Leon Avda) among the self-funded partners. You can replace these ineligible partners with additional eligible partners of your choice, who should provide their Expressions of Interest to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the partners involved in this proposal and look forward to a successful implementation.

Best wishes,



Eva Thörn  
Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee

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