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The EURISCO Newsletter is a series of electronic bulletins that provide feedback to National Focal Points (NFPs) and serve as a dissemination vehicle for NFPs and other partners to put forward their contributions regarding plant genetic resources issues/themes. The new EURISCO Newsletter is the successor of the previous EURISCO e-bulletin. In order to ensure that the EURISCO Catalogue is sustainable and meets the NFPs' and other users' needs, everyone is invited to contribute to this newsletter. Thematic papers, ideas, comments, suggestions and questions are all welcome.

Coverage of EURISCO

This year, the number of accessions documented in EURISCO increased by 19,314, reaching a total of 1,983,376 accessions from 43 National Inventories and 378 individual holding institutions by 18 December 2018. These accessions represent 6,392 unique genera and 43,445 species, respectively. The number of AEGIS accessions labelled in EURISCO rose to 47,049. Details can be found on the EURISCO website.

In 2018, the number of characterisation and evaluation (C&E) data records rose by 1,668,178, reaching a total of 2,293,141. C&E data are currently available for 81,818 accessions and were provided by seven countries so far. More data will be welcome anytime.

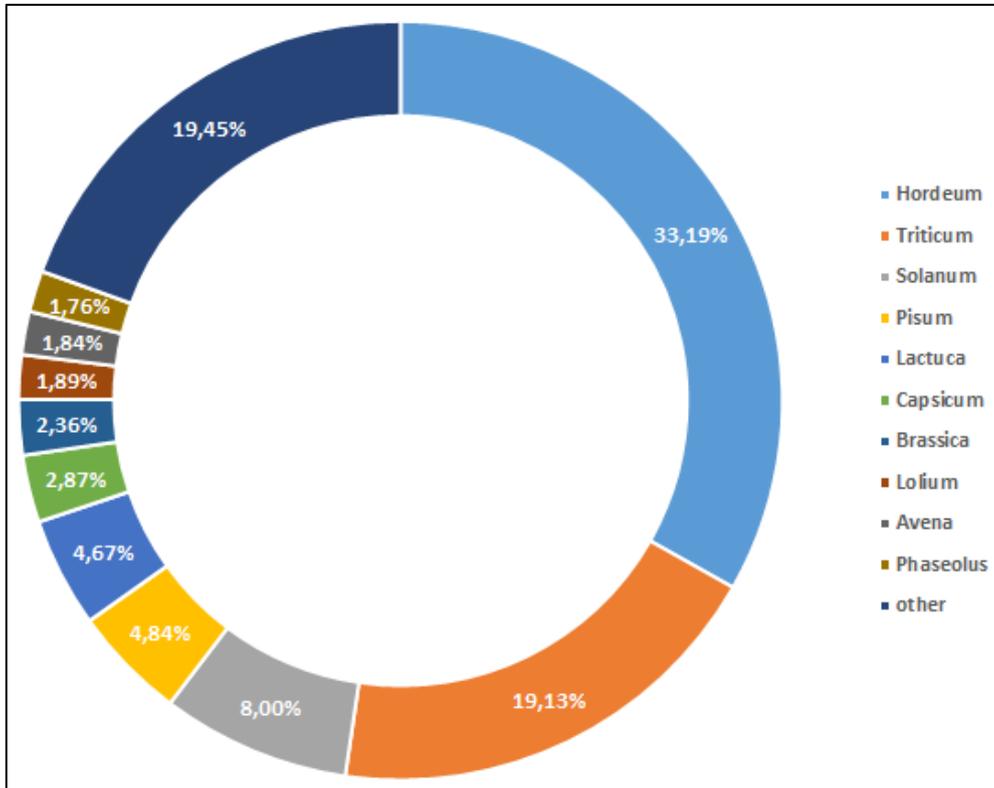


Figure 1: Percentage of C&E data records by genus.

Usage

The use of the EURISCO web interface increased continuously. Between January and November, EURISCO was visited 48,015 times by 15,297 unique visitors from 96 countries from all continents (January – November).

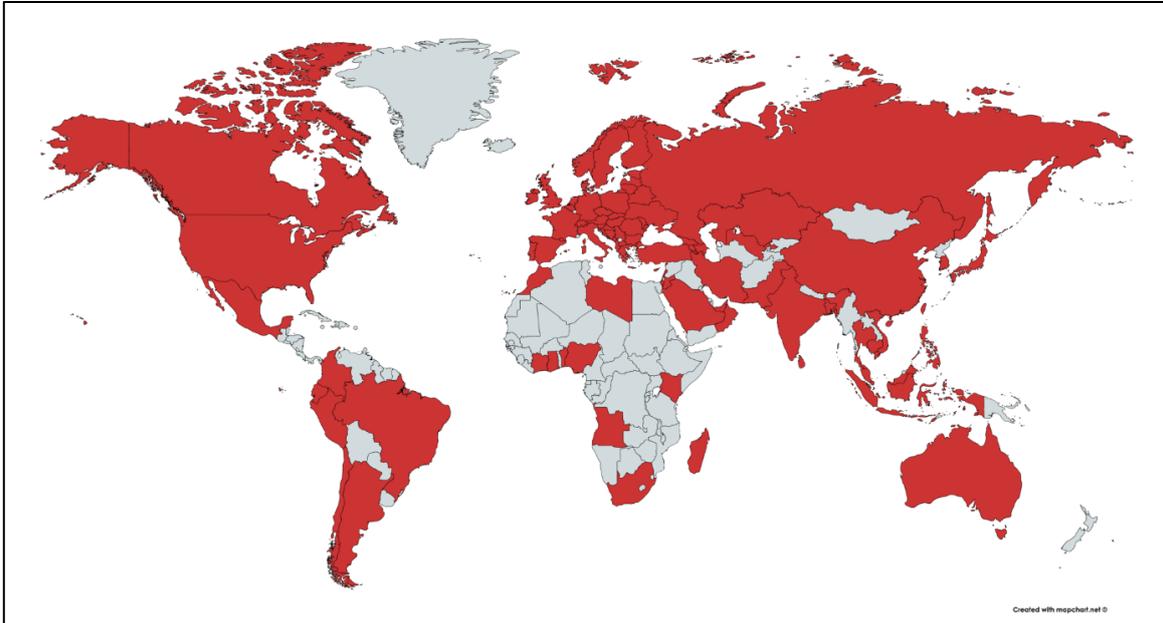


Figure 2: Countries of EURISCO visitors in 2018.

Project activities

The EURISCO coordination continues to participate in the ongoing Horizon 2020 projects “EUCLEG” and “Farmer’s Pride”, which started in September and November 2017, respectively.

In addition, the project “GenRes Bridge – Joining forces for agro-forest systems and biodiversity management” was approved in 2018. The EURISCO coordination participates in this joint project of the three European networks for plant, animal and forest genetic resources (ECPGR, ERFP und EUFORGEN), which will start in 2019.

We will continue to actively participate in the preparation of further project proposals aiming at acquiring additional funding for developing certain aspects of EURISCO. Currently, we participate in several European consortia for the call “Adding value to plant Genetic Resources” (SFS-28-2019 B).

Dissemination

A presentation on EURISCO was given at the ECPGR Workshop for the establishment of a European Evaluation Network (EVA) on wheat/barley, Berlin, Germany, 27–28 November 2018.

An activity report for 2018 as well as a work plan for 2019 are under preparation and will be published at the beginning of 2019.

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