



European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR)

Minutes of the 1st ECPGR Executive Committee meeting

Bratislava, Slovakia, 12 December 2010

Present: Alvina Avagyan (Armenia), Merja Veteläinen (Finland), Silvia Strajeru (Romania), Fernando Latorre (Spain), Gert Kleijer (Switzerland), Lorenzo Maggioni (ECPGR Secretariat)

1. The Executive Committee (ExCo) elected Gert Kleijer (Switzerland) as Chair
2. Terms of reference for the ExCo. GK will prepare draft ToRs, (by February 15th), they will be completed and amended, if necessary, by the members of the ExCo before being sent to the ECPGR Steering Committee for approval.
3. The ExCo decided to develop interim rules of procedures for ECPGR (including *inter alia* the relationship between the Secretariat and the ExCo and the delegation of tasks). This will be undertaken after the adoption of the ToRs of the ExCo, spring 2011.
4. The SC requested the development of an options paper. This paper needs to be ready around June 2012. The ExCo decided to start with the objectives of ECPGR. The main objectives and 6 outcomes were agreed by the SC. The indicators and outputs have to be completed. The presented table with the main objectives and the 6 outcomes will be sent to the members of the SC as soon as possible with the request to complete the indicators and outputs. The ExCo will then compile the different proposals.
The ExCo will decide on the preparation of the other topics of this options paper in spring 2011.
4. The ExCo decided that it should hold a couple of meetings, when necessary before the next SC meeting, i.e. one in Autumn 2011 (the new Chair for 2012 should be elected) and one in 2012 before the SC meeting. The cost of the meeting should be covered by ECPGR.
5. The ExCo discussed the coming retirement from Bioversity of the AEGIS coordinator Jan Engels at the end of 2011. An AEGIS coordinator is needed and the possibility of overlapping of the activity of the new coordinator and Jan Engels has to be analysed from the financial side. The possibility also exists that Jan Engels would continue as a consultant in his role as AEGIS Coordinator.

Nyon, 11 January 2011 (GK)