Progress on implementation of Phase IX

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6th ExCo Meeting, Maccarese, 8-10 December 2014
Membership

The following countries have signed the agreement for the ECPGR Membership during Phase IX:

- 26 signatures
  (out of 37 budgeted contributions)
ECPGR objectives (logical framework)

• Completed, agreed and published, except in situ/on-farm

• Relations with users possibly to be revised, depending on other initiatives (see framework document prepared by Secretariat)

• Not specified what its primary use should be (guiding document or accountability instrument)
Terms of reference

- Rules of procedure
- Terms of Reference:
  - ExCo
  - ExCo Chair
  - Secretariat
  - WGs
  - WG Chairs
- Country quota system
- Transition steps
Flow Chart 1. Renewal of composition of Working Groups

At start of Phase IX, WGs are composed of the same members as they were at the end of Phase VIII

2014

Secretariat invites NCs to nominate WG experts

2015

Secretariat reminds NCs about the possibility to update list of WG experts

2016

NC can add or delete names from WG pools of experts at any time by notifying the Secretariat

2017

2018

Secretariat adds/deletes names of WG experts as notified by NCs

WG1...
Genebank curators  Crop specialists  Plant breeders  Xxx
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WG2...
Genebank curators  Crop specialists  Plant breeders  Xxx
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Composition of WGs

- Nominations received from 25 National Coordinator
- Size of WGs: between 35 and 73 members (average 56 members) (total: 1170)

Categories used:
- genebank curator 342
- crop specialist 328
- plant breeder 215
- info/doc 160
- policy 122
- other 36
Flow Chart 2. Renewal of WG Chairs appointment

- Invites NC to propose candidate WG Chairs
- Internal consultation with WG members
  *may include experts from different countries
- Secretariat issues nominations to Secretariat
- Candidate WG Chairs
- Sends filed-in EoI to Secretariat
- Endorses respective Chairs EoI
- Invites WG Chair candidates to fill in EoI
- All EoI sent to ExCo
- ExCo selects Chairs

Timeline:
- Jan 2014
- June 2014
- Sept 2014
- Dec 2014

Phase VIII Chairs continue their mandate until end of 2014

Phase VIII Chairs' mandate finished

New Chairs start their mandate

*EoI = Expression of Interest
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I herewith declare my personal interest and institutional commitment to participate in the proposed ECPGR Activity (title of proposed Activity) and certify that the information provided below is correct and reflects my current position in the institute/organization.

Name: ........................................................................................................
Position: .................................................................................................
Institute name: ....................................................................................... 
Country: .................................................................................................
Working Group: ....................................................................................... 

The contribution that I can offer to the proposed ECPGR Activity consists of the following specific actions, services or skills (e.g. provision of expertise, research infrastructure, equipment, experimental field/glass house space, staff time, logistic support, others).

Please specify in detail below:
   a. ...........................................................................................................
   b. ...........................................................................................................
   c. ...........................................................................................................

I have obtained the endorsement from my National Coordinator (Mr/Ms ....................) for this Expression of interest Yes/Not yet

My direct supervisor (Mr/Ms ....................) is supporting my participation in the proposed ECPGR Activity Yes/No/Not applicable

I am therefore committed to spend the full time necessary to meet/comply with ECPGR-Activity related obligations.

Signature .................................................. Date ........................................

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Renewal of Chairs appointment

- Nominations received from **16** National Coordinators

- Expressions of Interest from **22** potential Chairs (9 new and 13 current)

- **4** WGs do not have a valid nomination (Allium, Beta, Leafy veg., Potato)
Flow Chart 3. Competitive scheme for WG activities

- **t₀**: publish Call for Proposals
- **WG Chairs**: promote seek ideas
- **WG Chairs**: select ideas seek EoI*
- **WG Chairs**: select participants
- **WG Chairs**: submit proposals
- **WG Chair**: sends any objections to ExCo
- **WG Chairs**: selects proposals and inform NCs
- **ExCo**: informs about final decision
- **NCs**: selects proposals to ExCo
- **ExCo**: forwards all proposals to ExCo
- **Secretariat**: checks eligibility
- **Secretariat**: inputs to the selection of participants
- **Secretariat**: submit proposals
- **Secretariat**: after 2 months
- **NCs**: after 3 months
- **NCs**: after 3.5 months
- **NCs**: after 4 months
- **Secretariat**: prepare Agreements for implementation

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Country quota system

- ECPGR budget for activities: 75% = meetings; 25% = other activities
- Only the budget for meetings is assigned through a country quota system
- A country quota is assigned to each country based on annual contribution → Italy = 4.5% (34 quota units)
- One quota unit = one night in a ECPGR meeting anywhere in Europe
- ExCo quota (6.5%) – at the discretion of the ExCo
ECPGR Grant Scheme

- First Call launched on 30 June - budget made available for 2015: €160,600
- 13 proposals, 11 eligible from 13 WGs, requesting a total of €176,250
- Ratio meetings vs. other activities = 38% vs. 62%
Task Forces

• In situ wild relatives $\rightarrow$ concept to be revised

• On-farm landraces $\rightarrow$ concept not approved, a meeting is organized in 2015

• Engagement of users in ECPGR activities $\rightarrow$ framework report prepared by Secretariat
AEGIS membership status

1. Albania (06 May 2009) - Associate Members
2. Austria (05 December 2012) - Associate Members
3. Azerbaijan (16 July 2009) - Associate Members
4. Belarus (02 November 2011) - Associate Members
5. Belgium (01 June 2012) - Associate Members
6. Bosnia and Herzegovina (19 May 2010)
7. Bulgaria (02 December 2009) - Associate Members
8. Croatia (02 December 2009) - Associate Members
9. Cyprus (15 September 2012) - Associate Members
10. Czech Republic (23 July 2009) - Associate Members
11. Denmark (22 February 2010) - Associate Members
12. Estonia (22 May 2009) - Associate Members
13. Finland (02 December 2009) - Associate Members
14. Georgia (18 May 2009) - Associate Members
15. Germany (05 November 2009) - Associate Members
16. Hungary (22 November 2011) - Associate Members
17. Iceland (22 October 2010) - Associate Members
18. Ireland (22 July 2009)
19. Italy (03 March 2014)
20. Latvia (01 June 2012)
21. Lithuania (12 October 2010)
22. Montenegro (16 December 2010)
23. Netherlands (28 May 2009) - Associate Members
24. Norway (17 August 2009) - Associate Members
25. Poland (17 May 2010) - Associate Members
26. Portugal (20 November 2009)
27. Romania (14 April 2010) - Associate Members
28. Slovakia (17 June 2009) - Associate Members
29. Slovenia (21 September 2009) - Associate Members
30. Sweden (31 May 2011) - Associate Members
31. Switzerland (27 July 2009) - Associate Members
32. Turkey (14 November 2011) - Associate Members
33. Ukraine (30 April 2009)
34. United Kingdom (18 June 2010) - Associate Members

34 Members
54 Associate Members’ Agreements
The European collection today

12 500 accessions

- The Netherlands: 5864
- Germany: 5324
- Czech Republic: 1222
- Croatia: 90

(1258 new accessions in 2014)
AQUAS elements

1) Template for operational genebank manual
   - All Associate member institutes are encouraged and expected to compile it and upload it on AEGIS Web site
   - 5 genebank manuals are online

2) Generic operational genebank standards
   - Generic standards on seed, field and in vitro/cryopreservation genebanks approved by FAO Commission in April 2013
AQUAS elements

3) Agreed minimum crop-specific technical standards (complementing generic standards)
   • 6 WGs have agreed on crop-specific standards for one or more routine operations (using FAO standards as reference)

4) An AEGIS Safety-duplication Policy
   • approved

5) An AEGIS Distribution Guideline
   • approved

6) Record keeping, monitoring and reporting system
   • Under development
EURISCO status

- Transferred to IPK as of 30 September
- Cost of 8 months maintenance and help for transfer paid to Bioversity: 20,000 USD
- MoU signed between Bioversity and IPK
- Amendment to Data Sharing Agreement
- Functionality of EURISCO at IPK in progress
Secretariat travels

- Annual meeting of the Italian National Programme for the Implementation of the International Treaty, Monsampolo del Tronto, Italy, 16 April 2014
- First meeting of a Consortium for the preparation of a project proposal under Horizon 2020 (SFS7-b), Schiphol, The Netherlands, 8 May 2014
- PGR Secure Consortium and European Association for Research on Plant Breeding (EUCARPIA) - Joint International Conference on utilization and conservation of crop wild relative (CWR) and landrace (LR) diversity for crop improvement, Cambridge, UK, 16-20 June 2014
- Second meeting of a Consortium for the preparation of a project proposal under Horizon 2020 (SFS7b), Schiphol, The Netherlands, 3 October 2014
- SeedNet Workshop “SeedNet – the Way Ahead”, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 5-6 November 2014
The European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR) is a collaborative programme among most European countries aimed at ensuring the long-term conservation and facilitating the increased utilization of plant genetic resources in Europe.

New ECPGR and AEGIS website has been released!
The ECPGR website has been upgraded in order to respond to increased security system requirements. The AEGIS website has been merged with the ECPGR website...

Tailoring the Documentation of Plant Genetic Resources in Europe to the Needs of the User
Workshop on the ECPGR Documentation and Information Working Group, 20-22 May 2014, Prague, Czech Republic

ECPGR ARCHIVE
Archive for information on ECPGR activities during previous phases...

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ECPGR Website (1 Jan- 3 Dec)

- **Pageviews**: 75,773
- **Unique Pageviews**: 50,098
- **Avg. Time on Page**: 00:01:25
- **Bounce Rate**: 44.77%
- **% Exit**: 20.85%

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3. ECPGR: Working Groups | 4,650 | 6.14%
4. ECPGR: Publications | 3,417 | 4.51%
5. ECPGR: Germplasm Databases | 3,130 | 4.14%
6. ECPGR: Contacts in ECPGR | 2,472 | 3.26%
7. ECPGR: EECDB_List | 2,041 | 2.68%
8. ECPGR: Publications | 1,653 | 2.18%
9. ECPGR: Central Crop Databases | 1,644 | 2.17%
10. ECPGR: About ECPGR | 1,545 | 2.04%

**Subcontinent Region** | **Sessions** | **% of Total:**
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Southern Europe | 11,604 | 73.44% (15,800)
Western Europe | 4,794 |
Eastern Europe | 3,324 |
Northern Europe | 1,948 |
Rest of World | 1,538 |

1,538 (26.56%)
Web page on funding opportunities

A safety network for our crops

Other funding opportunities

CALL FOR PROPOSALS from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

HORIZON 2020 - European Commission

COST - European Commission

LIFE (2014-2020) - European Commission

INTERREG EUROPE - European Commission

Portal for PGRFA - FAO

Related information

Papers

ECPGR Website - page for funding opportunities
(26 Oct – 3 Dec)

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Financial status – Phase IX

• Phase IX contributions received from 24 countries: € 329,500

64 % of amount expected for 2014 from 37 countries (€ 510,250)

• Of the missing countries, uncertain expectation from Greece, Macedonia FYR, BiH?, Italy?, Poland?

• Unexpected payment from Portugal
Financial status - Phase VIII

- Carry over from Phase VIII (as per Phase IX budget): Net € 217,361
- + NEW FUNDS (not budgeted):
  - Outstanding Phase VIII contributions paid in 2014: Net € 40,442
  - Returned from Trust: € 5,000
  - Unspent AEGIS potato project: € 5,000
Therefore, total available = € 267,803
  - Already Used/Allocated: € 210,461
    - D&I meeting: € 22,500
    - EURISCO transfer: € 16,100
    - PNO consultancy: € 1,500
    - Budgeted for Scheme activities: € 170,361
  - Remaining to be allocated: € 57,342
Financial status – 2014 result

Expenditures Phase IX (estimate end of 2014):
€ 455,926 (budget € 517,690) (+ € 61,764)

Estimate 2014 balance per selected items (effective savings):
- Staff costs: + € 4,900
- Staff travel: + € 1,600
- ExCo travel/meetings: + € 3,000
- Facilities etc. − € 1,000
- EURISCO + € 7,800

Estimate 2014 savings (net): € 16,300
Financial status – Outstanding contributions of previous Phases

(not written off, but practically yes): € 189,250

- Armenia € 13,750
- Georgia € 13,750
- Greece € 22,000
- Malta € 13,750
- Romania € 7,000
- Russian Federation € 91,000
- Ukraine € 28,000
Financial status – Cash balance

- Estimated **CASH** balance at 31 December 2014:
  
  € 177,000
Summary of points of action

• Budget decisions: allocation of “new funds” (€ 73,600)
• Need clarification on objectives logframe, also in view of future reporting
• AEGIS members but not ECPGR members
• Country quota issue → see tomorrow planning for Grant scheme
€ 73,600

(?) On-farm meeting (Maccarese, April ’15)

? Doc&Info meeting on Crop Portals

? Grant scheme

? Reserve
Asparagus acutifolius L., Maccarese 2014

Thank you for your attention