

Workplan of the Working Group on Forages for the second part of Phase VIII (2010-2013) – follow-up and status at 20 July 2012

(based on the workplan agreed at the tenth meeting of the Forages Working Group, 28-29 April 2010, Poel Island, Germany; full report of the meeting available online from http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/publications/publication/issue/report_of_a_working_group_on_forages.html)

Action	Carried out by	By when	Status July 2012
Documentation, Information and Task Sharing			
Database Managers confirm that they take responsibility for the databases assigned to them by the WG (Email: merja.vetelainen@mtt.fi and l.maggioni@cgiar.org)	Database Managers	31 May 2010	Responsibilities were confirmed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dactylis</i> and <i>Festuca</i> → Poland • <i>Lolium</i> → UK • <i>Phleum</i> → NordGen • <i>Poa</i> → Germany • <i>Medicago</i> Annual → Spain • <i>Medicago</i> Perennial → France • Minor Forage Grasses (<i>Bromus</i>, <i>Agrostis</i>, <i>Agropyron</i>, <i>Alopecurus</i>, <i>Arrhenatherum</i>, <i>Phalaris</i>, <i>Trisetum</i>) → NordGen • Minor Forage Legumes (<i>Anthyllis</i>, <i>Astragalus</i>, <i>Coronilla</i>, <i>Desmodium</i>, <i>Lotus</i>, <i>Melilotus</i>, <i>Onobrychis</i>, <i>Ornithopus</i>, <i>Physanthyllis</i>, <i>Tetragonolobus</i>, <i>Vicia</i>, other <i>Vicieae</i>) → Hungary • <i>Trifolium</i> → UK • <i>Trifolium subterraneum</i> → Spain • <i>Vigna</i> → Austria
In case updates of the DBs are not received from the countries, update the DBs on the basis of EURISCO	Database Managers	September 2010	Latest updates done as preparation for the AEGIS Forage workshop, January 2012.

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Consider adopting the “Google Fusion Table” sharing facility for downloading data from EURISCO and transferring them to the DBs	Database Managers	Ongoing	Google Fusion Tables were used in the preparation phase of AEGIS Forage workshop, January 2012. Further information in the workshop report (available online; see reference at end of table)
Start establishment of databases on Minor Grasses (NordGen) and Minor Legumes (RCA Tápiószele)	Gert Poulsen (NordGen) Lajos Horváth (RCA Tápiószele)	Ongoing	Minor Grasses (online) http://www.nordgen.org/ecpgr/scope/ecpgr/pages/entry_minor_grasses.html NB. DB manager is now Anna Palmé Minor Legumes (off-line) http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/germplasm_databases/list_of_germplasm_databases/crop_databases/crop_database_windows/minor_forage_legumes.html
Analyse the data received in order to identify MOS and PRIMCOLL	Database Managers	December 2010	Latest updates done as preparation for the AEGIS Forage workshop, January 2012.
Send a progress report to WG Chair	Database Managers	End of January 2011	Done + at AEGIS workshop.
Submit a project proposal to the AEGIS Grant Scheme, aiming to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support an activity leading to the definition of the European Forage Collection - Organize a workshop to train new DB Managers to achieve the required goals (could also concern technical standards for forages) 	WG members under the coordination of Chair	31 December 2010	Project on “Establishment of European Forages Collection” was submitted to the second call of the AEGIS Grant Scheme and approved for funding in 2011. First project meeting was held in January 2012 in Hungary. The report of the workshop is available online (see reference at end of table)
Test the Google Fusion Table methodology for the identification of European Accessions	Ian Thomas and Petter Marum	Carried out within the AEGIS Grant Scheme project, if approved (<i>the project was approved, start date August 2011</i>)	The test was carried out in the AEGIS Forage workshop, January 2012. Further information in the workshop report (available online; see reference at end of table)

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Start creating the <i>Lolium</i> Crop Portal	Ian Thomas	Carried out within the EUROGENEBANK project, if approved (<i>the project was eventually not approved</i>)	(N/A)
Adopt the existing applications for inclusion of C&E data into the databases; contact NordGen (free application) or IPK (Oracle-based application)	Interested DB Managers	Ongoing	
Circulate the table of storage conditions and status of safety-duplication for updating by the Group; upload the updated version	Secretariat and all WG members	End of March 2011	Done + update April 2012
<i>In situ</i> and on-farm conservation			
Upload WG meeting presentations on WG Web site as examples of ongoing on-farm <i>in situ</i> actions	Secretariat	By the end of May 2010	Done
Characterization and evaluation			
Support genotyping and carry out duplicate identification and diversity studies, utilizing knowledge presented at the meeting	WG members	Ongoing	

Reference

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