

Progress of the Cucurbits Working Group during the first part of Phase IX (2014-2015)

The Cucurbits Working Group developed and agreed with all members the Crop-specific genebank standards for orthodox seeds, assisted by the ECPGR Secretariat.

The WG also presented two proposals to the first and second call of the ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme. The first one entitled “Genotyping of the melon European Collection with neutral and linked to quality traits Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNPs)” aimed at document with molecular data part of the cucurbits European accessions. The second one entitled “Selection and designation of new accessions to increase the AEGIS cucurbits collection” aimed at enlarge the number of European accessions, selecting accessions from Bulgaria, Portugal, Romania and Spain. Unfortunately these two proposals were not funded. A new proposal is being prepared at present to be presented to the Third call.