Collaboration between EUCARPIA and ECPGR

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14th meeting of the ECPGR Steering Committee, Višegrad, Bosnia and Herzegovina
31 May – 02 June 2016
EUCARPIA
European Association for Research on Plant Breeding

- Founded in 1956
- Aims to promote scientific and technical cooperation in the field of plant breeding in order to foster its further development
- Individual and corporate fee paying members
- 11 sections:
  - Biometrics in plant breeding
  - Cereals
  - Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses
  - Fruit
  - Genetic Resources
  - Maize and Sorghum
  - Oil and Protein Crops
  - Organic and Low-Input Agriculture
  - Ornamentals
  - Potatoes
  - Vegetables
- Organizes regular section meetings to share knowledge and forge collaboration between stakeholders
- General Congress, 29 August – 01 September 2016, Zurich
EUCARPIA Genetic Resources section

- c. 680 members from 61 countries worldwide – 28 outside geographical Europe
- Section board comprising ten members
- Convenes meetings every two to three years
- Last meeting: June 2014, Cambridge, UK – in conjunction with PGR Secure
- Next meeting: 9–11 May 2017, Montpellier, France – hosted and organized by the Agropolis Fondation, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) in association with UE DiaScope, L’institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)
EUCARPIA–ECPGR COLLABORATION

- Overlap of membership between EUCARPIA sections and ECPGR working groups – common interests for collaborative projects and joint meetings

- EUCARPIA GR section and ECPGR links via individual members:
  - Chair as observer in ECPGR Steering Committee (and current Chair a member of ECPGR wild species conservation WG)
  - Current Vice Chair as ECPGR NC for Switzerland
  - Two current board members as Chairs of ECPGR WGs
  - Current ECPGR Coordinator as member of the GR section board and Scientific Programme Committee of the Montpellier meeting
  - Current ECPGR ExCo Chair as member of the EUCARPIA GR section
EUCARPIA–ECPGR COLLABORATION POTENTIAL

- User needs surveys
- Feedback on ECPGR policy and technical documents?
- Formal backing for ECPGR recommendations to the EC and EP regarding an EU PGRFA Strategy?
- ECPGR side event at Montpellier conference?
- Others?

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