

Proposals from the ExCo in response to WG Chairs recommendations

WG Membership

WG Chairs recommendations:

Two types of membership:

- 1) Full Member and expert in the subject and Associate Member(s) as persons who wish to be kept informed about the outcomes of the WG or
 - 2) one person per country (Full Member) and in addition Associate Members who are kept informed by the Full Member.
- All members to complete a proforma stipulating their expertise and what level of input they have to the WG.
 - Participation in the Grant Scheme would normally be associated with Full Members.

WG Membership

ExCo proposal:

WGs remain open to several members; at the same time the National Coordinator (NC) should identify one contact person per WG with responsibility to answer questions of national matter and to act as coordinator within the country for matters related to the specific WG.

The Secretariat would maintain two separate distribution lists, one including only the WG contact persons and a second list including all the WG members. Additionally, NCs will be asked to regularly revise the list of WG members (at least twice per Phase) and possibly check whether the members are active or not.

WG representation

WG Chairs recommendations:

The WG Chairs believe it would be to the benefit of ECPGR in general if the WG Chairs had a chance to make recommendations and inputs to the decision-making process within ECPGR. Currently, there is a feeling that decisions are taken without consultation of the WGs which are then required to implement decisions.

ExCo proposal:

Meetings of all Chairs become regular events, to be held possibly twice per Phase, in advance of the SC meetings, with the dual purpose of improving coordination across WGs and of creating a consultation mechanism that can provide feedback and suggestions to the SC.

WG Chairs recommendations:

Introduce the term “AEGIS candidate” in order to speed up flagging and registration (for accessions which do not officially meet the AEGIS criteria but for which registration would be worthwhile for other specific reasons, such as uniqueness).

ExCo proposal:

To seek the opinion of the Steering Committee about the two alternatives;

- 1) To include on the AEGIS web site lists of candidate AEGIS accessions for each WG or National system wishing to provide them. The explanation of what is meant by ‘candidate accessions’ should be added to each specific list (i.e. what are the reasons to delay the flagging as full AEGIS accessions, whether they be related to administrative steps, funding requirements or other reasons)
- 2) To introduce an ‘AEGIS candidate’ status directly in EURISCO (either visible or not) and to generate from EURISCO candidate lists to be provided to ECPGR Secretariat.

Role of the WG Chairs

ExCo proposal:

All the current WG Chairs should be proposed for continuation to serve in their role during Phase X, if available.

Working Group on Maize

ExCo proposal:

To approve the establishment of a Maize Working Group.