

Meeting of the ECPGR Network of European Genebank Managers

Date: Monday, 04 March 2024

Time: 10:30-12.30 CET

Place: Teams

Chair: Lise Lykke Steffensen

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting
2. Information from the chairperson and vice-chairperson

Appointed Vice-Chair Ana Maria Barata introduced herself to the network.

3. Overview of EU and European Policy Initiatives

Dr. Jens Weibull presented an overview of EU and European policy initiatives.

The participants discussed the importance of a common definition on genebanking and the current status on the process on gene adapted material.

4. International scientific conference on plant genetic resources on the 22-24 May 2024 in Georgia

Dr. Tamar Jinjikhadze presented the International Scientific Conference on Plant Genetic Resources: Opportunities and Challenges that will be hosted in Tbilisi, Georgia on 22-24 May, 2024.

Submission Deadline for abstracts: 11.03.2024

There is no conference participation fee and the conference includes scientific and cultural events and activities- Travel and accommodation is self-funded.

5. Genebank Methodology and Quality Standards – an example of genebank matrix

Theo van Hintum gave a presentation on Genebank Quality: Certification and Metrics.

The participants discussed the following topics in break out rooms:

- Quality Management in their genebank
- Genebank Metrics

The participants agreed that the network is beneficial for discussing these matters further.

6. Preparation for the in-person meeting in Portugal 13-15 May 2024

Ana Maria Barata presented the work of INIAV in Portugal and the location for the first in-person meeting in Braga, Portugal 13-15 May 2024, at the Banco Português de Germoplasma Vegetal.

13 May: Arrival Day, 14 May: Meeting Day, 15 May: Meeting until lunch. Travel back.

It is suggested that participants travel to Porto airport when arriving on 13 May. From there, airport shuttle busses go to Braga, approximately 50 km from Porto. Accommodation will be arranged in the city centre of Braga.

Participants of the network are welcome to join the organizer group in planning of scoping of program, topics, input, presentations and more.

If interested, please contact Josefin Granö (josefin.grano@nordgen.org), Lise Lykke Steffensen (lise.lykke.steffensen@nordgen.org) or Ana Maria Barata (anamaria.barata@iniav.pt).

Theo van Hintum volunteered to participate in discussion regarding the agenda for the meeting.

It was noted that network members which are the national contact person for each country is invited to the physical meeting,

A suggestion for topics for the meeting were organisational matters relating to the Network, experiences with acquisition and collection missions, genebank ISO certifications, PRO-GRACE, communication and how to get to excellence.

A program and more information about the meeting will be provided to the network later on.

7. Any other business

List of Participants

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Tekle Zakalashvili
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