Appendix III. Workshop Recommendations

EURISCO

A number of recommendations related to the future management and development of EURISCO are listed below. More specific elements for a workplan to be implemented by the EURISCO Coordinator are listed in Appendix IV.

Data quantity and quality in EURISCO

1. The EURISCO Coordinator should promote and support more frequent updating of EURISCO by the National Focal Points, with a target minimum frequency of once a year.
2. The EURISCO Coordinator should take action to ensure that the coverage of *ex situ* accessions in Europe increases further.
3. The EURISCO Coordinator should take action to ensure that the data quality in EURISCO is improved.

Characterization and evaluation (C&E) data in EURISCO

4. The EURISCO Coordinator should implement the proposal to provide access to C&E data from EURISCO, as formulated by the ECPGR Doc&Info Network in 2009, as applicable.
5. The EURISCO Coordinator should explore the possibility of linking EURISCO accessions to available pictures.

Management of EURISCO

6. A EURISCO Advisory Group should be re-established, with the function to monitor the progress of EURISCO, and to give advice on its further development. The composition of this group will be proposed by the Doc&Info WG Chair, selecting among the pool of WG experts and also using similar criteria to those used during Phase VIII.[6] The composition of the core Advisory Group will need to be approved by the SC, but it could occasionally be extended to other experts depending on subject matter.

CCDBs/Portals

7. It is recommended that the SC endorses the concept that WGs and CCDB managers develop new tools such as Portals under the umbrella of ECPGR. Consequently, the Secretariat should invite CCDB managers to consider developing the CCDBs into Portals, with the expectation that CCDB managers verify among the crop experts whether there would be support to create such Portals.
8. It is recommended that the Doc&Info WG organize a meeting of all individuals committed to develop Portals, to define the key elements and quality requirements of the ECPGR Portals, their scope and function, also keeping in mind the need for these requirements to remain flexible (funding for such meeting should be identified by the

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[6] During Phase VIII, the Documentation and Information Network Coordinating Group (NCG) had the function to monitor the progress of EURISCO, and to give advice on its further development. The NCG was composed of National Focal Points and European Central Crop Database Managers who were appointed to reflect a geographical balance and to combine diverse expertise (including representatives of the Nordic Genetic Resource Center, NordGen) and of the South East European Development Network on Plant Genetic Resources, SEEDNet) and four ex officio representatives (EURISCO Coordinator, IT host at Bioversity International, ECPGR Coordinator and *In situ* and On-farm Conservation Network representative).

Secretariat). Elements to be discussed: the recognition of what the ECPGR logo means and how this should guarantee the quality of the portal.

Link between EURISCO and Crop Portals

9. A downloading function enabling download of EURISCO data per crop should be made available from EURISCO. Preliminary work on the "crop name" concept should take place for standardizing crop names (in connection with taxonomy issues). The establishment of a Task Force (TF) is suggested to carry out this task and the WG Chair is expected to initiate the TF establishment.

Documentation of in situ and on-farm PGR

10. The ECPGR Doc&Info WG should support the *in situ* community where possible in the creation of an inventory and monitoring system for European CWR *in situ*.
11. EURISCO should be prepared to include information about designated CWR *in situ* populations, with a list of National Focal Points that could be contacted in case of the need for *in situ* collecting. The existing structure for data flow (NFP and NI) should be used for supplying EURISCO with these data.
12. Considering that no consensus was reached on including on-farm information in EURISCO, since there was no agreement on what type of information should be included and for what purpose, it is recommended to continue the discussions and the collaboration with the On-farm Conservation and Management WG.

Relation between the ECPGR Doc&Info WG and AEGIS, ITPGRFA and others

13. If AEGIS requests services from EURISCO, these should be considered positively by the EURISCO Management. If these services require substantial investments, EURISCO Management should raise the issue with the ECPGR Doc&Info WG.
14. The ECPGR Secretariat should encourage the ITPGRFA Secretariat to organize a meeting to agree on a global standard for the use of unique identifiers.
15. It is recommended that the Doc&Info WG maintains where possible a strong relationship with Genesys and GBIF.

Molecular markers and X-omics data

16. It is recommended that the ECPGR Doc&Info WG remains involved in the DivSeek initiative and where possible plays an active role in guiding the genebanks to establish the appropriate link with X-omics information.
17. The element of feedback of genomics data to genebanks should be generally encouraged within project proposals.

GRIN-Global

18. It is recommended that the ECPGR Doc&Info WG remains involved in the further development of GRIN-Global and where possible plays an active role.

Other issues

19. The ECPGR Doc&Info WG recognizes the need to develop a capacity building programme to support the ECPGR members to effectively use new tools and meet new requirements regarding PGR documentation, for consideration by the SC.
20. In addition to the above, the PGR documentation and information community should inform each other about existing training possibilities and encourage mutual visits. A list of training opportunities should be made available on the ECPGR website.