

Solanaceae Working Group – follow-up to Workplan 2012-2013 – status at 17 May 2013

(Based on the workplan agreed at the first meeting of the Solanaceae Working Group, 14-17 February 2012, Izmir, Turkey; full report of the meeting available [here](#))

	Activities	Responsibility	Deadline	Status at 17 May 2013
Communication between Solanaceae WG members and their National Coordinator (NC)	Members report to their NC about the meeting.	All members	Continuous action	
	Members remind their NC to check with national institutions about MoU associate membership.	Countries that have not signed the associate MoUs	Continuous action	
Solanaceae Databases				
Duplicate finder (WG project)	Plan for the organization of an ad hoc meeting to use the PGR Duplicate Finder on Solanaceae Databases; inform the ECPGR Secretariat about participants, date and location of the meeting, which should take place before the end of 2013.	Chair	End 2013	Meeting extended to Solanaceae and Cucurbits DB Managers and Chairs to discuss about future of CCDBs (ad hoc meeting held 11-12 April 2013, Valencia, Spain; report available here)
Minimum descriptor lists	Request from the ECPGR Secretariat the conversion of the minimum descriptor lists of <i>Physalis</i> and <i>Pepino</i> into final versions.	Chair	March 2012	Done

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	Format the lists in the same way as for the descriptors of the major Solanaceae crops.	ECPGR Secretariat	April 2012	Done June 2012 (finalisation required more time than foreseen and involvement of DB specialists)
	Cross-check the <i>Cyphomandra</i> minimum descriptors drafted by the WG with the Bioversity publication, once published; finalize the descriptors.	Representative from Spain	When the Bioversity list is published	Done (BI publication January 2013 – minimum descriptors finalized and new document for minor crops published 22/02/2013; available here)
Switching from CCDBs to EURISCO	Standardize crop names, fill in crop-specific descriptors.	All members	Depending on the development of EURISCO	
Planning for safety-duplication	Submit a justified request for financial support for safety-duplication of Solanaceae accessions to the Chair.	Representatives from Bulgaria and France	End 2012	No request received. Budget partly used for ad hoc meeting of DB Managers. Remaining funds will be used for meeting organized by D&I Network.
	Instruct the ECPGR Secretariat to establish Letters of Agreement with institutions whose request is considered justified.	Chair	End 2013	Not applicable anymore.

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AEGIS				
Issues of data quality for the selection of European Accessions	Inform the Coordinator of the D&I Network about proposed change of responsibilities of CCDB Managers.	ECPGR Coordinator	End February 2012	Done
	Follow up on the outcome of the proposal, keeping the WG informed.	ECPGR Coordinator	As necessary	Under way. Meeting to be held in 2014.
	Start monitoring of the respective crop data in EURISCO, contact data providers and suggest appropriate adjustments. Report to the WG Chair and ECPGR Coordinator on the experience made with this approach.	Managers of the Solanaceae Databases and other experts The above-mentioned responsibility is split as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G. Van der Weerden: Solanum wild species (sub-genus <i>Leptostemonum</i>) - M.-C. Daunay: cultivated Eggplant - W. van Dooijeweert: Tomato - L. Aykas: Pepper - José Vicente Valcárcel and Alvaro Gil Íñigo: Pepino, <i>Physalis</i> and <i>Cyphomandra</i> 	September 2013	Discussed during ad hoc meeting held 11-12 April 2013, Valencia, Spain. Start of activities postponed to take into account the outcome of the D&I meeting to be held in 2014.

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Compilation of lists of candidate AEGIS accessions				Note: the whole process is currently under revision and the sequence of activities (1 to 3) is likely to be modified. Current status of activities agreed in Izmir is given for information.
	(1) a. Send the lists developed by the sub-groups (155 wild tomatoes, 168 wild <i>Capsicum</i> species, 246 <i>Physalis</i> , 11 <i>Cyphomandra</i> and 13 pepino) to the appropriate National Coordinators.	Chair	End September 2012	
	b. In consultation with the collection holders involved, confirm whether the accessions can be flagged as part of AEGIS in EURISCO.	National Coordinators	End 2012	
	(2) a. Send lists of candidate Solanaceae accessions to the Chair.	Representatives from Germany, Hungary, The Netherlands, Poland and Slovakia	End May 2012	Lists received from Germany, Hungary and The Netherlands.
	b. Ensure that the lists are cross-checked for duplicates by the relevant persons and that proposals for inclusion into AEGIS are made; send the lists to the National Coordinators as per point 1 above.	Chair	End September 2012	Proposals made but lists not yet sent to NC. Flagging is pending.
	(3) a. Send the lists of candidate accessions to the Chair.	Curators of collections from the other countries	End May 2012	No lists received.

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	b. Ensure that the lists are cross-checked for duplicates by the relevant persons and that proposals for inclusion into AEGIS are made; send the lists to the National Coordinators, as per points 1 and 2 above	Chair	End September 2012	
Solanaceae genetic resources, scientific and public awareness				
Overview of NGOs per country	Check with the <i>In situ</i> and On-farm WG about NGOs in their country.	All members	Ongoing	No information received yet.
Communication of the Solanaceae WG with the scientific community and horticulturists	Publish papers on important achievements of the Solanaceae WG or its members, e.g. in the Solanaceae Newsletter and <i>Chronica Horticulturae</i> (ISHS).	All members, coordinated by the Vice-Chair	Ongoing	Two papers were published in the October 2012 issue of the SOL Newsletter [available here] - Early history and iconography of the Solanaceae: 3. Tomato - Towards a better interaction between European Solanaceae germplasm holders and Solanaceae Omics researchers
Communication with the general public	Members share information by writing articles in general journals, by organizing special events.	All members	Ongoing	