

Appendix I. Workplan 2012-2013

(Agreed at the Fourth Joint Meeting of the ECPGR Working Group on *Beta* and the World *Beta* Network, 20-22 June 2012, Cappelle-en-Pévèle, France)

Activities	Responsibility	Deadline
Beta nana project proposal		
Support the Greek <i>B. nana</i> project proposal with a supporting letter.	WG Chair	End July 2012
Submit a proposal to the ECPGR Secretariat for the use of available funds from the ECPGR Networks' budget (€ 2600). This will include sampling of plants on Mount Olympus, to be carried out in September 2012.	Parthenopi Ralli	As soon as possible (in time for sampling to be done in September 2012)
Patellifolia project		
Inform Lothar Frese of their interest in a project on <i>Patellifolia</i> , section <i>Corollinae</i> , and including <i>B. nana</i> (taxonomic aspects, genetic diversity)	Interested potential partners	End July 2012
Organize a meeting to prepare the project, depending on feedback received	Lothar Frese	End 2013
Genetic reserve sites for <i>Beta</i> and <i>Patellifolia</i>		
Revise the list of proposed genetic reserves and send comments to Lothar Frese. The list of proposed sites is available from the Genetic Resources Information System (GenResIs) of the AEGRO project www.agrobiodiversidad.org/aegro	Country representatives of the ECPGR WG	End 2012
Apply the 4-steps methodology developed by the AEGRO project and suggest sites for genetic reserves for species of the section <i>Corollinae</i> .	Representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Russian Federation and Turkey	End 2013
Ensure that <i>ex situ</i> samples are collected from each proposed genetic reserve site and deposited in the respective country genebank. These samples should also be proposed to the respective National Coordinators for inclusion into the European Collection and therefore be flagged in EURISCO as being part of AEGIS.	Country delegates	End 2013
IDBB		
Prepare a project proposal for guaranteeing the future sustainability and further development of the IDBB.	WG Chair and IDBB manager	As soon as possible

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Determination of <i>Beta</i> accessions for the European Collection		
Compile a list of candidate accessions to be included in the European Collection using the <i>Beta</i> Core Collection, AKER collection and accessions of threatened species.	IDBB Managers, with support from all concerned country representatives and/or curators	End 2012
Submit the agreed list to all the concerned National Coordinators, suggesting inclusion of the respective accessions into AEGIS.	WG Chair	End January 2013
Compare the VIR and GRIN taxonomies for <i>Beta</i> and provide a list of matching relationships for all relevant taxa.	Lothar Frese, with the assistance of Maria Cristina Duarte	End 2013
Crop-specific standards - regeneration		
Request Barbara Hellier (USDA-ARS) to provide information or possibly a protocol for the regeneration of <i>B. nana</i> .	Lothar Frese	End 2012
Check the validity of the seed increase protocol for <i>Beta</i> and inform the WG Chair of the analysis http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/networks/sugar_starc_h_fibre_crops/beta/other_wg_documents.html	All <i>Beta</i> WG curators, under the coordination of the WG Chair	End 2012
Publication of the proceedings		
Provide papers to be included in the proceedings of the meeting to Lothar Frese	All authors	By 3 September 2012
Publish scientific proceedings of this meeting	Lothar Frese plus co-editors	2013