



Wheat sp.



ECPGR Wheat Working Group

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Rye sp.

88 ECPGR Wheat Working Group members from 43 countries:

**Genebank curator (28) Crop specialist (26) Information/documentation (15)
Plant breeder (20) Policy and Law (8) other expertise (4)**

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Fulfilment of the Objectives of Phase IX in the Wheat Working Group

Two Grant scheme activities were developed by the WWG during phase IX, corresponding to:

- **First call (2014): Triticum in Aegis: Identification and documentation (TRAID activity: January 2015- January 2016)**

After this activities, a total of 5659 wheat accessions were defined as new candidates AEGIS accessions, characterized and evaluated with both passport and C&E data.

All these dataset were added to EURISCO and finally accessions were flagged as AEGIS accessions.

- **Third call (2016): Identification and updating data of eligible Aegis accessions in both wheat and rye species (TRISECA activity: September 2016 –January 2018)**

In this activity which is still underway, 929 new accessions of both wheat and rye species have been defined as new candidates accessions and evaluated . Both passport and C&E data will be added in EURISCO and flagged as AEGIS candidates accessions at the end of 2017.

Furthermore, the WWG contributes, in January 2016, to an updated version of a crop specific document of AQUAS (Crop specific genebank standard for orthodox seeds)

Fulfilment of the Objectives of Phase IX in the Wheat Working Group (summary)

The objectives of these different activities were all related to outcomes 1 and 2 of Phase IX:

- 1) Aegis is operational; accessions of Aegis are characterized and evaluated;
- 2) quantity and quality of data in EURISCO have been increased.

WWG contributes significantly to both outcomes since, during phase IX, about **8700 new accessions of small grain cereals would have been added to EURISCO, from which about 6500 declared as AEGIS accessions (20% of total Aegis collection)**

Finally AQUAS quality system was adopted and implemented.

Information on positive development resulting from fulfilment of the objectives of the ECPGR of Phase IX (e.g. a success story) or any major gaps/constraints identified in fulfilment the objectives

- satisfying level of activity within the WWG despite the fact that only a few number of WWG members are really participating to proposed activities: respectively 12 and 11 countries participants to TRAIID and TRISECA activities, compared to 43 countries members registrated in WWG.
- Difficulties to obtain reactions and answers from WWG members to successive mails during all Phase IX, even when these WWG members previously declared their Expression of Interest (Eol) for a specific activity.

Recommendations to enhance opportunities and mitigate threats

- to train and call out each National Coordinator about the importance of common ECPGR objectives and the necessity for each country members to meet its obligation when Eol are signed.