

Collaboration between EUCARPIA and ECPGR

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**EUCARPIA**

European Association for Research on Plant Breeding
Europäische Gesellschaft für Züchtungsforschung
Association Européenne pour l'Amélioration des Plantes



EUCARPIA

European Association for Research on Plant Breeding

- Founded in 1956
- Aims to promote scientific and technical cooperation in the field of plant breeding in order to foster its further development
- Individual and corporate fee paying members
- 11 sections:
 - Biometrics in plant breeding
 - Cereals
 - Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses
 - Fruit
 - Genetic Resources
 - Maize and Sorghum
 - Oil and Protein Crops
 - Organic and Low-Input Agriculture
 - Ornamentals
 - Potatoes
 - Vegetables
- Organizes regular section meetings to share knowledge and forge collaboration between stakeholders
- General Congress, 29 August – 01 September 2016, Zurich



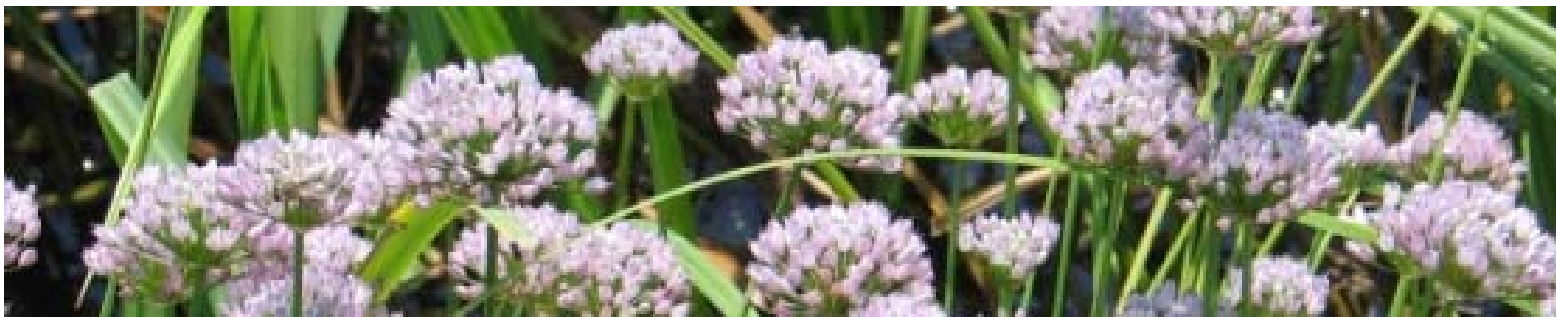
EUCARPIA Genetic Resources section

- c. 680 members from 61 countries worldwide – 28 outside geographical Europe
- Section board comprising ten members
- Convenes meetings every two to three years
- Last meeting: June 2014, Cambridge, UK – in conjunction with PGR Secure
- Next meeting: 9–11 May 2017, Montpellier, France – hosted and organized by the Agropolis Fondation, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) in association with UE DiaScope, L'institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)



EUCARPIA–ECPGR COLLABORATION

- Overlap of membership between EUCARPIA sections and ECPGR working groups – common interests for collaborative projects and joint meetings
- EUCARPIA GR section and ECPGR links via individual members:
 - Chair as observer in ECPGR Steering Committee (and current Chair a member of ECPGR wild species conservation WG)
 - Current Vice Chair as ECPGR NC for Switzerland
 - Two current board members as Chairs of ECPGR WGs
 - Current ECPGR Coordinator as member of the GR section board and Scientific Programme Committee of the Montpellier meeting
 - Current ECPGR ExCo Chair as member of the EUCARPIA GR section



EUCARPIA–ECPGR COLLABORATION POTENTIAL



- User needs surveys
- Feedback on ECPGR policy and technical documents?
- Formal backing for ECPGR recommendations to the EC and EP regarding an EU PGRFA Strategy?
- ECPGR side event at Montpellier conference?
- Others?

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