

## Report to the Ninth ECP/GR Steering Committee meeting (October 2003)

### Network on Documentation and Information

#### Progress made by the Group during Phase VI (1999 - 2003)

<b>Network structure</b>	<b>Elements</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 National Focal Points for National Inventories</li> <li>• 50 Central Crop Database manager</li> <li>• ICT Advisory group (former Internet group)</li> <li>• EURISCO Advisory group</li> <li>• Documentation Support Centres</li> <li>• Projects (EPGRIS, PGR Forum, etc.)</li> <li>• Temporary <i>ad hoc</i> group on taxonomy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Inventories (NI)</li> <li>• European Search Catalogue (EURISCO)</li> <li>• European Central Crop Databases (ECCDB)</li> <li>• ECP/GR Listserver</li> <li>• ECP/GR website</li> <li>• Publications</li> </ul>
<b>Specific objective</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many project meetings (esp. EPGRIS)</li> <li>• PGR Forum workshop, <i>in situ</i> database methodologies, 8-10 November 2001. Prague, Czech Republic</li> <li>• EPGRIS final conference, 11-13 November 2001. Prague, Czech Republic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project meeting reports on website</li> <li>• Report of the meeting not yet published</li> <li>• Report of the meeting not yet published</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Inventories of Ex situ collections (NI) to be developed</li> <li>• European Search Catalogue of Ex situ collections (EURISCO) based upon NIs to be developed</li> <li>• European Central Crop databases (ECCDBs) to be updated and new ones to be developed; new orientation of ECCDBs to be discussed and agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NI of most European Countries exist (offline and 17 online); Structure in harmony with the revised IPGRI/FAO Multi-Crop Passport Descriptors format (MCPDv2)</li> <li>• EURISCO prototype exists with more than 850.000 accessions</li> <li>• ECCDBs not yet fully focusing on user-needs (characterization and evaluation data)</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listserver to be maintained</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 listserver be maintained by Nordic Genebank</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> listserver for D&amp;I Network agreed</li> </ul>
<b>Training</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICT-Training offered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several ICT-Training workshops have taken place</li> <li>• Training exchanges of several specialists have taken place</li> </ul>

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### Plan of action for Phase VII (2004 - 2008)

Specific objective	Action	Timeframe	Request of support from ECP/GR for specific actions	
			Funding requested	Type of support requested
<u>Meetings:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a meeting of the National Inventory Focal Points</li> </ul>	2006	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Logistic support</li> <li>- Technical support from IPGRI during the meeting</li> <li>- Technical support from IPGRI after the meeting</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a meeting of the NFP/NI and ECCDB manager</li> </ul>	2008	YES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold two meetings of EURISCO advisory group</li> </ul>	2004 and 2005	YES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a meeting of temporary <i>ad hoc</i> group on taxonomy</li> </ul>	2004	YES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a joint workshop of ECP/GR and bioinformatics experts</li> </ul>	2005	YES, but from other sources?	
<u>EURISCO:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend MoUs between IPGRI and NFPs/NI after 2003</li> <li>Fill the gaps of passport data in EURISCO by uploading NIs and improve upload mechanism; improve data quality and analysis</li> <li>Develop XML-schema for data transfer and upload mechanism</li> <li>Assess need to clarify availability of accessions in EURISCO through NIs</li> <li>Mutual linking between EURISCO and European plant variety catalogue</li> </ul>	Permanent	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical support from IPGRI</li> <li>- Renewal of nomination of NFPs / NI by National Coordinators</li> </ul>
<u>ECP/GR-website:</u>	Update Website, including toolkits, training material, online publication of relevant documents, etc.	Permanent	YES	Technical support from IPGRI

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<u>ECCDBs:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on characterization and evaluation data and possibly further be expanded towards international crop information systems;</li> <li>• Establish links to EURISCO and NIs</li> </ul>	Permanent	NO	Technical support from National Programmes
<u>EPGRIS?</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify inter-relationship between NIs, EURISCO and ECCDBs and clarify use of term European Plant Genetic Resources Information Infrastructure (EPGRIS)</li> <li>• Strengthen role of NIs, EURISCO and ECCDBs as a reference in the revised EU regulation 1467/94</li> </ul>	Permanent	NO	NO  Political support from National Coordinators
<u>Documentation support:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model project between NGB and Estonia on remote updating of Estonian NI on NGB server; review role of documentation support centres</li> </ul>	Permanent	NO	Technical support from NGB
<u>Listserver:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGB to run three listserver</li> </ul>	Permanent	NO	Technical support from NGB

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