

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

Working Group on Grain Legumes

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

Specific objective	Achievements
Meetings	
Third meeting, 5-7 July 2001, Krakow, Poland	Report published, including review of the status of European national collections and research activities
<i>Ad hoc</i> meeting on <i>Arachis</i> , 15-16 November 2002, Plovdiv, Bulgaria	Report drafted, workplan established
Documentation	
Bringing all central crop databases to fruition	<i>Cicer</i> , <i>Glycine</i> , <i>Lathyrus</i> , <i>Lens</i> , <i>Lupinus</i> , <i>Phaseolus</i> and <i>Vigna</i> databases are available on-line. <i>Pisum</i> and <i>Vicia faba</i> DBs are due on-line in the near future. <i>Arachis</i> DB is under construction
Improve coverage of characterization/evaluation data in the databases	Agreement on 8 priority charact./evaluation descriptors for the <i>Arachis</i> database and 10 for the <i>Vicia faba</i> database
Ex situ conservation - Safety-duplication	
Improve the level of safety-duplication	Safety-duplication of material between collections in different countries has been repeatedly forthcoming from WG members
Ex situ conservation - Regeneration	
Increase information available for dealing with the regeneration of allogamous grain legume species	Collation of regeneration practices under way
Address emergency situations	<i>Phaseolus</i> collection from the Cambridge University partly regenerated as a multilateral action
Public awareness	
Promote the WG and its activities	Presentations made at a range of meetings across Europe. Close links established with the European Association for Grain Legume Research (AEP). A special edition of the Associations journal focused on 'genetic resources of grain legumes' and was prepared in consultation with the WG Chair. The edition promoted the WG and included articles by 5 working group members

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Plan of action for Phase VII (2004 - 2008) TO BE COMPLETED.