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Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase XI) - First Call for proposals

Subject: Proposal "MALANIRS"

Dear Violeta and Stéphane,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo) approved for funding your revised proposal 'MAize LAndraces traits phenomic prediction using Near InfraRed Spectra' (MALANIRS).

The ExCo appreciated that your proposal is in line with ECPGR priorities, in particular the continuation of the EVA network activities, characterization of genebank material and provision of data to EURISCO. The Committee also agreed with the value of your approach, with the intention to train a predictive model, based on low cost NIRs analysis, to predict both agronomic traits and biochemical characteristics of maize landraces.

Please note that the Steering Committee will be consulted for endorsement of the final list of participants. The Secretariat will then contact the Activity Coordinator and other funded partners regarding Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the partners involved in this proposal and look forward to a successful implementation.

Best wishes,



Marianne Lefort
Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee