

Workplan of the Wheat Working Group (2012-2013) – follow-up at 09 July 2013

(Based on the workplan agreed at the Third Meeting of the Wheat Working Group, 15-17 May 2012, Piešťany, Slovakia; full report available [here](#))

Topic	Activities	Responsibility	Deadline	Status 09 July 2013
Precise genetic stocks	Work on the definition of cereal genetic stocks	Ad hoc group composed of Mike Ambrose (leader), Morten Rasmussen (Agnese Kolodinska), a member from Poland (Bogdan Lapinski, nominated after the meeting) and Elina Kiviharju, Vice-Chair of the <i>Avena</i> WG	End 2013	Discussion started (email B. Lapinski 06/02/2013)
	Develop criteria to select valuable material			
	Complete the inventory of material			
	Develop specific descriptors or fields that indicate their special characteristics			
	Submit proposal to the Network Coordinating Group for disbursing within the Cereals Network the remaining € 4000 initially earmarked for Wheat Precise Genetic Stocks			
European Wheat Database (EWDB)	Propose a scale for the “Zeleny sedimentation index” descriptor	Member from Switzerland	End July 2012	Done
	Add the new descriptor “Zeleny sedimentation index” to the EWDB C&E Descriptor List	EWDB Manager	As soon as the scales for the descriptor are available	Done
	Propose a definition for the descriptor “Year of registration”	François Balfourier, in consultation with Iva Faberová	End July 2012	Done
	Send reminder to WG members for updating of the EWDB, with precise instructions about data to be provided	EWDB Manager	Annually, starting in March 2013	Start postponed to August 2013
	Update the EWDB each year	All WG members	Annually, following the request from the EWDB Manager	

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European Triticale Database (ETDB)	Contact the Triticale DB Managers through the Wheat WG members to monitor the update and inclusion of data for the agreed-upon descriptors	New ETDB Manager	End July 2013	
AEGIS – Compilation of first lists of possible AEGIS accessions				Note: the whole process is currently under revision and the sequence of activities (1 to 3) is likely to be modified. Current status of activities agreed in Piešťany is given for information.
• <i>Triticum</i>				
First candidate accessions identified at meeting	1. (a) Notify the EWDB Manager about confirmation of the first set of 107 <i>Triticum</i> accessions proposed for flagging as European Accessions (Belarus 19, Cyprus 80 and Estonia 8 - see details pp. 14-15 of the meeting report).	WG members from Belarus, Cyprus and Estonia	End June 2012	Belarus: list under revision. Cyprus: postponed by 2 years. Estonia: confirmed, and 7 additional accessions selected and confirmed (total of 15 accessions).
	(b) Send the agreed lists to the respective National Coordinators, inviting them to flag these accessions in EURISCO as belonging to the AEGIS European Collection.	EWDB Manager	As soon as the lists are confirmed by WG members	Estonia: done.

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Other accessions	2. (a) Distribute the prepared separate lists of <i>Triticum</i> accessions conserved in their country of origin to the respective country WG members (irrespective of the MoU signature status) for selection of European Accessions candidates according to agreed criteria (<i>it was recommended that only accessions that are already safety-duplicated should be flagged; or those for which safety-duplication by genebanks is under way, in which case the date by which the process will be completed should also be indicated. The EWDB Manager suggested starting with advanced cultivars</i>).	EWDB Manager	End June 2012	DONE (all WG members obtained those files already during the meeting or shortly after)
	(b) Select European Accessions candidates according to agreed criteria; verify whether the holding institutions agree to flag them as part of AEGIS; and inform EWDB Manager of the outcome of the country member decision.	All WG members	End October 2012	
	(c) Send the agreed lists to the National Coordinators, inviting them to flag these accessions in EURISCO as belonging to the AEGIS European Collection.	EWDB Manager	End 2012	
	3. (a) Prepare lists of additional accessions that are conserved as genetically unique (to members' best knowledge) and that the holding institutions are prepared to conserve as AEGIS accessions and send the lists to the EWDB Manager. The safety-duplication provision as per point 2(a) above also applies here.	All WG members	End 2012 (extension of the delivery date is exceptionally allowed for the larger collections).	
	(b) Include all <i>Triticum</i> AEGIS candidate accessions in the EWDB, including passport and C&E data when they are available.	WG members, EWDB Manager	Continuously	

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	(c) Analyse the lists received as per point 3 (a) above, mainly to verify that there are no evident duplications of accessions or gaps in the compiled proposed list of accessions; enter into bilateral communication with WG members whenever clarifications are needed; circulate for comments to all the concerned countries a proposed final list of accessions to be flagged as part of AEGIS.	EWDB Manager in consultation with WG members	End 2013	
• <i>Aegilops</i>				
First candidates identified at meeting	1. (a) Follow up to ensure that the accessions proposed as a first set by the EWDB Manager (i.e. 101 accessions of <i>A. sharonensis</i> maintained at the Institute for Cereals Crop Improvement, Tel Aviv University, Israel, collected as part of an ECPGR-funded mission), are included in AEGIS and notify the EWDB Manager whether they can be proposed for flagging as European Accessions.	Member from Israel	End 2012	Postponed till signature of MoU
	(b) Send the agreed lists to the National Coordinator, inviting her/him to flag these accessions in EURISCO as belonging to the AEGIS European Collection.	EWDB Manager	Pending the outcome of 1(a) and signature of the AEGIS MoU by Israel	
Other accessions	2. (a) Distribute the prepared separate lists of <i>Aegilops</i> accessions conserved in their country of origin to the respective country WG members (irrespective of the MoU signature status) for selection of European Accessions candidates according to agreed criteria (as for <i>Triticum</i> 2(a) above, except for the recommendation to start with advanced cultivars).	EWDB Manager	End June 2012	DONE (like wheat files)

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	(b) Select European Accessions candidates according to agreed criteria; verify whether the holding institutions agree to flag them as part of AEGIS; and inform the EWDB Manager of the outcome of the country member decision.	All WG members	End October 2012	
	(c) Send the agreed lists to the National Coordinators as per point 1 (b) above.	EWDB Manager	End 2012	
	3. (a) Prepare lists of additional accessions that are conserved as genetically unique (to members' best knowledge) and that the holding institutions are prepared to conserve as AEGIS accessions, and send the lists to the EWDB Manager. The safety-duplication provision as per point 2(a) in <i>Triticum</i> above also applies here.	All WG members	End 2012 (extension of the delivery date is exceptionally allowed for the larger collections)	
	(b) Include all <i>Aegilops</i> AEGIS candidates in the EWDB, along with passport and C&E data when they are available.	WG members, EWDB Manager	Continuously	
	(c) Analyse the lists received as per point 3 (a) above, mainly to verify that there are no evident duplications of accessions or gaps in the compiled proposed list of accessions; enter into bilateral communication with WG members whenever clarifications are needed; circulate to all the concerned countries for comments a proposed final list of accessions to be flagged as part of AEGIS.	EWDB Manager in consultation with WG members	End 2013	
Genebank standards	Prepare together a document summarizing the necessary genebank management knowledge for breaking dormancy, viability testing and multiplication of <i>Aegilops</i> and other wild cereals.	Andreas Börner (Germany) and Hanan Sela (Israel)	End June 2012	Done (uploaded 18/07/2012)