

## Working Group on Fibre Crops (Flax and Hemp) – follow up of the workplan agreed in 2010 and status at 16 December 2011

(based on the workplan agreed at the second meeting of the Fibre Crops WG, 7–9 July 2010, Šumperk, Czech Republic (full report available from [http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/networks/sugar\\_starch\\_fibre\\_crops/fibre\\_crops.html](http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/networks/sugar_starch_fibre_crops/fibre_crops.html))

Action	Carried out by	By when	Status at 16 December 2011
<b>International Flax Database</b>			
Send the most recent version of the IFDB data format to all members	M. Pavelek	By end 2010	Postponed to 31 January 2012
Check again already received data sets	M. Pavelek		To be done by 29 February 2012
Fill in missing passport and characterization/evaluation descriptors	M. Pavelek, in cooperation with all flax and linseed WG members involved		To be done by 30 June 2012
Check the two current sets of data and merge them into one single Excel file	M. Pavelek	By end 2012	Deadline 31 December 2012 confirmed
Put the DB online	M. Pavelek	By end 2013 if an appropriate source of funding is found	Possible bilateral project (for example Czech Republic – Germany) in order to get financial support to develop the respective software.
Integrate new data continuously as they are received	M. Pavelek	(continuous)	Integration of already received data will be done by end 2011
Complete the Portuguese data with the seven characterization descriptors agreed by the WG, after completion of the next growth cycle.	G. Pereira	By July 2011	Delayed → data sent 12/12/2011

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<p>Check the Russian data currently integrated in EURISCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inform the Russian National Inventory Focal Point that the set of Russian data for <i>Linum</i> spp. needs to be checked and validated.</li> <li>- At the same time, Nina Brutch is welcome to extract the relevant data from EURISCO and inform the National Inventory Focal Point of what needs to be changed.</li> </ul>	<p>ECPGR Secretariat/ EURISCO Coordinator</p> <p>Nina Brutch</p>		<p>EURISCO Coordinator contacted Russian NFP but received no reply</p> <p>Not necessary any more. A project funded by the Global Trust for the development of VIR databases will update the data. These will need to be transferred to EURISCO by the National Focal Point, Mr Vladimir Korneev (expected by mid-2012).</p>
<b>International Hemp Database</b>			
<p>Contact all WG members working on hemp to define a common strategy to (1) identify ways to improve hemp production and breeding, and (2) obtain data to complete the new Hemp Database. G. Grassi will circulate a questionnaire to identify the problems specific to each country and will share the results with all WG members by end 2010.</p>	<p>G. Grassi</p>		<p>Messages sent November 2011 but no concrete results. The collaboration of other members to a common “hemp strategy” is possible only if they have an active research programme with funds available, which is not the case for most of them.</p>
<p>Coordinate with the ECPGR Secretariat for updating of the Hemp DB homepage as necessary</p>	<p>G. Grassi</p>		<p>The establishment of the Hemp DB is prevented by the impossibility to obtain suitable data, due mostly to national laws regulating the <i>in vivo</i> management of hemp plants.</p>
<p>Contact French partners to try to involve them in the WG’s activities</p>	<p>G. Grassi</p>		<p>Contact was made, but no result so far since there is no formally identified French representative to the WG due to absence of a French National Coordinator. To be re-activated when France will have nominated a National Coordinator.</p>