Appendix I. Workplan of the ECPGR Working Group on *Malus/Pyrus* for 2007–2008

(Discussed and approved at the Third Meeting of the Working Group on Malus/Pyrus, 24-27 October 2006, Tbilisi, Georgia)

Pla	nned activities	Carried out by	Date by when action should be initiated	Date by when action should be completed
Up	dating of the <i>Malus</i> and <i>Pyrus</i> Databases			
-	Prepare standardized templates (Excel worksheet) with passport data according to the list of "priority descriptors" selected during the third meeting of the WG in Tbilisi, with identification data from the curators and their collections, with methodologies used and all characterization and evaluation descriptors already available and send it to all curators	Database Managers		End February 2007
-	Check the EURISCO DB for collecting <i>Malus</i> and <i>Pyrus</i> data; compare them with those already included in the ECCDB and inform the WG members of the situation	Database Managers	Early November 2006	Early December 2006
-	Make the link between Descriptors Task Forces and DB Managers in order to give clear information to the curators on which data need to be provided and how	Chairman	Early December 2006	End January 2007
-	All Working Group members to contact their curators, asking them to send their data and encourage provision of minimum passport data and all available data from all collections in their country	All WG members	End February 2007	
-	Send data in the requested format to the DB manager:			
	- all currently available data even if not all descriptors are documented (minimum data = accession name + accession number + holding institute)			June 2007
	- all agreed priority passport descriptors	All WG members		June 2007
	- all characterization and evaluation data already available	All WG members		June 2007
	- "National collections accessions" - if available	All WG members		June 2007
	lecular marker workshop (with <i>Prunus</i> and <i>is</i> people) at EMR East-Malling, 7-8 December 06	Malus/Pyrus: E. van der Weg (or A. Patocchi), B. Gelvonauskis, F. Laurens / L. Feugey, M. Hoefer (or F. Dunneman), M. Lateur (observer)		
-	Coordination and compilation of ongoing initiatives carried out by different partners or colleagues in link with the HiDRAS project	F. Laurens and E. van der Weg	Early November 2006	End November 2006

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Update and improvement of characterization and evaluation descriptors for <i>Malus</i> and <i>Pyrus</i> and their inclusion in the DBs			
 Record all available and already adopted descriptors for <i>Malus</i> and send this compilation to M. Kellerhals and M. Lateur 	ECPGR Secretariat	November 2006	End November 2006
Compile all descriptors lists already developed for <i>Malus</i> and propose reasonable adjustments	Task Force: M. Kellerhals (leader), J. Blažek, E. Dapena, B. Gelvonauskis, EJ. Allen, I. Hjalmarsson, F. Laurens, L. Ikase, S. Budan, V. Hanke, M. Lateur	End November 2006	End January 2007
 Develop and submit a proposal for a technical leaflet with the most important descriptors for apple to produce a waterproof document for field work; after acceptance, send the standardized document to all WG members 	M. Kellerhals and M. Lateur	End November 2006	End February 2007
 Record all available and already adopted descriptors for <i>Pyrus</i> and send this compilation to M. Lateur and L. Rivalta 	ECPGR Secretariat	End October 2006	End November 2007
- Compile all descriptors lists already developed for <i>Pyrus</i> and propose reasonable adjustments	Task Force: M. Lateur and L. Rivalta (leaders), M. Kellerhals, J. Blažek, E. Dapena, B. Gelvonauskis, EJ. Allen, I. Hjalmarsson, F. Laurens, L. Ikase, S. Budan, V. Hanke	End November 2006	End February 2007
 Develop and submit a proposal for a technical leaflet with the most important descriptors for pear to produce a waterproof document for field work; after acceptance, send the standardized document to all WG members 	M. Lateur and L. Rivalta	End February 2007	End March 2007
Definition of standard guidelines for the inclusion of photographs in the <i>Malus</i> and <i>Pyrus</i> databases	Task Force: E. Dapena and M. Kellerhals (leaders), V. Hanke, B. Gelvonauskis, I. Hjalmarsson, J. Blažek, Z. Bobokashvili, M. Lateur	25 October 2006 (meeting Tbilisi)	End November 2006
 Send a report of the meeting held on 25 October 2006 to Task Forces' members for last comments; compile comments and send the adopted document to all WG members 	E. Dapena and M. Kellerhals (leaders)		End December 2006

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Inclusion of pictures in the DB: two steps			
All currently available pictures labelled with their accession number to be sent to DB manager	All WG members		End June 2007
Standardized pictures will be taken in the next season with the aim to have around 30% of accessions documented according to the guidelines	All WG members		End February 2008
Implementation of case studies of characterization and evaluation descriptors on apple and pear			
Implementation of case studies on the practical utilization of adapted or new descriptors for apple and compilation of the conclusions	E. Dapena and M. Kellerhals (leaders), M. Hoefer, L. Feugey, J. Blažek, M. Bergamaschi, EJ. Allen, A. Santos	February 2007	December 2007
Implementation of case studies on the practical utilization of adapted or new descriptors for pear and compilation of the conclusions	M. Lateur, L. Rivalta (leaders), L. Feugey, M. Hoefer, J. Blažek, A. Santos	February 2007	December 2007
Workshop on synonymy of <i>Malus/Pyrus, Prunus</i> and <i>Vitis</i> organized at Gembloux in 2007	M. Lateur, DB Managers (leaders) and invited experts from different regions of Europe		
Workshop on <i>in situ</i> and on-farm conservation of <i>Malus/Pyrus</i> (and <i>Prunus</i> and <i>Vitis</i>) at Dresden in 2008	Sub-task group: S. Mader and V. Hanke (leaders) D. Benediková, J. Blažek, M. Lateur, E. Dapena		
Informal meeting of Working Group at Eucarpia meeting Zaragoza (end September 2007)	Chairman		
Present posters on ECPGR <i>Malus/Pyrus</i> Working Group at, e.g. Eucarpia Fruit Section Meeting	M. Lateur and B. Gelvonauskis	June 2007	Early September 2007
Harmonization of the <i>Pyrus</i> and the <i>Malus</i> ECCDBs in accordance with the Cherry DB structure. The first step will be to organize an ad hoc meeting with all Fruit DB Managers and the WG Chair	WG Chairman and DB Managers		

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"European pomology bibliography": Compilation of a list of all local pomology books / catalogues available in each country, to be made available on the Internet and ultimately published in the report of the Tbilisi meeting	Task Force: EJ. Allen and I. Hjalmarsson (leaders), A. Õunmaa, D. Benediková, E. Kullaj, J. Choiseul, J. Blažek, L. Ikase, M. Lateur, M. Kellerhals, S. Budan, S. Mammadov, S. Mader, V. Hanke	November 2006	First version on the Internet = March 2007
Feasibility study on the scanning of reference descriptions of the most important European <i>Malus</i> and <i>Pyrus</i> cultivars to be included in the DBs	(id. above)		
Set up a "traditional knowledge Task Force" to start compiling traditional uses, historical contexts, etc.	Task Force: L. Ikase and J. Blažek (leaders), A. Õunmaa, B. Gelvonauskis, D. Benediková, E. Dapena, I. Hjalmarsson, M. Lateur, M. Kellerhals, V. Hanke	November 2006	
Set up a Task Force devoted to <i>Malus</i> and <i>Pyrus</i> species, e.g. developing specific descriptors, link between wild relatives and cultivated species, etc.	Task Force: E. Kullaj (leader), V. Hanke, F. Laurens, S. Mammadov, M. Lateur, E. Dapena (wild spp.)	November 2006	