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**17th meeting of the Assembly of European National Coordinators
for Animal Genetic Resources in Stavanger, Norway,
27th to 28th August 2011**

Bonn, 18th May 2011

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 17th ERFP Assembly Meeting of the National Coordinators for the Management of Animal Genetic Resources in Europe. The ERFP Assembly will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP) in Stavanger, Norway from Saturday, 27th to Sunday, 28th August 2011.

The draft agenda is enclosed. It will be up-dated and can be downloaded together with the enclosed documents at <http://www.rfp-europe.org/>.

The ERFP Assembly Meeting will take place at the Clarion Hotel Stavanger, Ny Olavskleiv 8, NO-4008 Stavanger, Norway (<http://www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-stavanger-norway-NO079>). Clarion Hotel offers single rooms at a rate of 1.080,- NOK including breakfast. We include a list of other hotels near the venue. Further information about accommodation is also available at the EAAP website for its 62nd annual meeting at <http://www.eaap2011.org>.

In order to confirm your participation at the meeting, please return the attached registration form to the ERFP Secretariat before the end of June 2011. If you are unable to attend you may send a representative. However, please note that only one representative per country may participate.

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ERFP cannot offer any financial support for your participation. However, no fee is payable.

Following the ERFP Terms of Reference there will be elections to the ERFP Steering Committee since Mark Maguire's (Ireland) term of office ends in 2011. As laid down in the ERFP Terms of Reference the ERFP Steering Committee consists of five members of the Assembly and a chair, each elected by the Assembly for a 4 year term of office. The members should represent each of the European sub-regions – South, Central, East, West and North, with the chair being outside the regional consideration.

Currently, the ERFP Steering Committee is chaired by Asko Mäki-Tanila from Finland and consists of the following National Coordinators:

- Didier Bouchel, National Coordinator of **France**
- Tamás Szobolevski, National Coordinator of **Hungary**
- Oya Akin, National Coordinator of **Turkey**.

We would therefore like to ask you for two nominations to the ERFP Steering Committee to be received by the ERFP Secretariat by the end of June 2011.

The ERFP Secretariat would like to present a synopsis of the countries' annual reports. Therefore, we would like to ask you to send your country's annual report, following the format attached, to the ERFP Secretariat by the end of June 2011.

Looking forward to seeing you in Stavanger!

With kind regards

Prof. Dr. Asko Mäki-Tanila

Chair of Steering Committee,
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