

## **Report of the ERFP Assembly of National Coordinators - 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013 in Nantes, France**

**Chair:** Catherine Marguerat-König

All presentations delivered during the Assembly Meeting are uploaded on the ERFP website.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Welcome and opening by the host country**

Julien Barré welcomed all participants and presented some interesting facts about AnGR in France.

#### **Welcome**

Catherine Marguerat-König, Chair of the ERFP Steering Committee, welcomed the Assembly to Nantes. She presented the agenda of the meeting. Furthermore she excused the three guests of honour, that were not able to come. She asked the Assembly to sign the prepared diplomas, that will be sent per post afterwards. Ms Marguerat-König highlighted, that it is very important that a leaving National Coordinator (NC) should certainly instruct his successor in the job. She thanked all attendees for coming and encouraged them to further cooperation in ERFP.

#### **Report from the ERFP Secretariat**

In the "Annual Progress Report 2013", Frank Begemann, Head of the ERFP Secretariat, gave an overview of the structure of ERFP and the activities of the several units. He presented the plans for 2014 and a plan for the development of the Multi Year Programme of Work 2014 – 2018. This draft contained the ERFP objectives and activities and a timetable. The Secretariat will prepare a text to the individual items and forward it to the NCs to comment on it.

As an additional service, certain pages and documents on the ERFP website shall also be available in Russian. The chair encouraged Russian speaking NCs to support the Secretariat in the translation.

After that Mr Begemann presented the "Financial Report 2013" and described the financial situation of ERFP. As per 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013 the remaining funds were 308.729,35 €. The expenses in 2013 summed up to 39.098,66 € and the incomes through country contributions were 53.400 €. The ERFP Secretariat had prepared a budget proposal for the year 2014. This budget plan was approved by the Assembly.

#### **Term of office of the chair**

According to the ERFP Terms of Reference the members of the Steering Committee are elected by the Assembly for 4 years. As the term of Oya Akin, NC of Turkey, ended in 2013, the Assembly had to elect a new representative for the Southern Region. Ms Marguerat-König thanked Ms Akin for her cooperation and wished her all the best for the future. Kristaq Kume, NC of Albania, was suggested to be her successor. The Assembly approved his nomination to the Steering Committee.

In the Assembly Meeting in Bratislava 2012, Luis Telo da Gama, NC of Portugal was elected to the Steering Committee as representative of the Western Region. As he is no longer NC in Portugal, he cannot be a member of the Steering Committee any longer. Sipke-Joost Hiemstra, NC of Netherlands, was suggested to

succeed him. The Assembly approved the nomination of Sipke-Joost Hiemstra as representative of the Western Region in the Steering Committee.

### **Country Contributions (adoption of the categories because of the changed FAO/UN scale)**

Frank Begemann presented four different options to adapt the ERFP categories for the country contributions caused by the changed FAO/UN scale. The Steering Committee proposed to leave the categories and the country contributions as they are until 2014. From 2015 on the categories of the ECPGR (connected with UN rates) should be copied and used adjusted to the ERFP budget. This procedure includes more different categories than ERFP uses now. There were several questions from the Assembly concerning the benefit of more categories and on what the UN rates are based on. Frank Begemann explained that the rates are based on the economic power of the countries and that they are changed regularly. Through more categories the contributions would be more fair and closer to reality. The Assembly approved to leave the categories until 2014 and to start in 2015 with the ECPGR categories adjusted to the ERFP budget.

### **Further proceeding regarding the ERFP account holder and the generated interests**

Frank Begemann described the current situation with the EAAP as account holder for the ERFP money. He presented three options to proceed in future, in order to mutualise interests generated by ERFP capital. EAAP receives 5.000 € per year from ERFP and the generated interests of the ERFP money go to EAAP, too. The proposal was now to install a separate bank account at the same bank where the EAAP account is located. Furthermore, the contract with EAAP should be negotiated to reduce the amount of 5.000 € per year or to delete it completely. The Assembly fully agreed with this proposal.

There was the suggestion to create an online bank account under the name of EAAP but with user rights for the ERFP Secretariat. The Secretariat will check this option with the respective bank. The Assembly gave its approval for that.

### **Revision of ERFP Terms of Reference**

Sebastian Winkel from the ERFP Secretariat presented the amendments to the Terms of Reference (ToR) that had been done by the Steering Committee in the meeting in March 2013 in Bonn.

The ToR got a new annex (annex 4) that implies the rules for Ad hoc actions. It was suggested to create a template for the application for an Ad hoc action. This proposal will be discussed in the Steering Committee. Furthermore an annex 5 for the election of the ERFP Secretariat shall be added (see below). The Assembly decided further amendments and approved the revised Terms of Reference.

### **Revision of ERFP Rules for Reimbursement**

The amendments to the ERFP Rules for Reimbursement which were proposed by the Steering Committee were approved by the Assembly.

### **ERFP Secretariat 2014 – 2018 process**

Sebastian Winkel described the current situation. In 2014 the term of the present Secretariat will end and a new Secretariat has to be elected. He presented a proposal for the election procedure that had been prepared by the Steering Committee and the Secretariat. It contained rules for the terms and deadlines, for the form of application documents, for the evaluation criteria and preliminary draft recommendation by the Steering Committee, for the election during the Assembly Meeting and for the transition procedure. The Assembly after discussion approved the election procedure that will be followed, in which the SC prepares an overview of the applications". The modified procedure shall be added to the ToR as annex 3 (see ERFP website).

Furthermore the Steering Committee and the Secretariat had prepared a letter to the NCs to encourage them to consider whether an appropriate institution in their country would be suitable and willing to host the Secretariat in the next period. Sebastian Winkel presented this letter to the Assembly. The Assembly approved the sending of the letter with small amendments.

### **Reports from the Working Groups**

#### **Documentation and information**

Christina Ligda presented the work of the Working Group. The main activity was the revision of the transboundary breed list for EFABIS. Therefore, a WG meeting took place in Rome on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The WG will provide FAO with a list of detailed proposals for the revision of the transboundary breed list. The presentation is uploaded on the ERFP homepage.

#### **Ex situ conservation**

Elzbieta Martyniuk gave the report of the Working Group on behalf of Sipke-Joost Hiemstra. The main topic was the Workshop on “Establishment of a European Genebank Network for AnGR” held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Bonn, Germany. The result of this workshop is a Draft Concept for the Genebank Network that was presented to the Assembly for its approval. The Assembly agreed with the Draft Concept and with the proposed proceeding for the further development of this concept.

### **Presentation “Management and conservation of French aquaculture genetic resources”**

Pierrick Haffray gave a presentation with interesting information about French aquaculture genetic resources.

## **Sunday 25th August**

### **Reports from Task Forces**

#### **Access and Benefit Sharing**

Elzbieta Martyniuk gave the report on this Task Force (TF). At the beginning she informed the Assembly that Milan Markovic has to leave the TF because of other obligations. She proposed Beate Berger to succeed him. Ms Berger agreed and the Assembly approved her as a new member. Ms Martyniuk presented the work plan of the TF. It was approved by the Assembly.

Furthermore Ms Martyniuk reported that the CGRFA asked for two experts from each region for the “Team of Technical and Legal Experts on Access and Benefit Sharing”. She proposed to nominate one expert for AnGR and AqGR and one expert for PGR and FoGR. Frank Begeman suggested to choose the experts using the following criteria: technical/legal, animal/plant, EU/non EU. He proposed Elzbieta Martyniuk to be the expert for AnGR in this team. The representatives should be the persons with the best overview over the relevant topic. The Assembly approved Ms. Martyniuk as the AnGR expert. Frank Begemann offered to contact the plant experts during the Governing Body session of the ITPGRFA in Oman in September.

#### **Risk status and Indicators**

Christina Ligda reported from the Task Force on behalf of Eléonore Charvolin-Lemaire. She presented the first part of the final report, that was forwarded to the NCs before the Assembly Meeting. The second part will be finalized till the end of 2013. Catherine Marguerat-König thanked Ms Ligda for the presentation and commended the report. She encouraged the attendees to send comments on this to Ms Charvolin-Lemaire. Roswitha Baumung mentioned that the definitions fit very well with the ones of the FAO.

### **Reports from Ad hoc actions**

#### **Evaluation of Current Status of Busha Cattle and development of a regional breeding programme for their conservation and sustainable economic use**

Kristaq Kume presented the final report of this project. Printed versions were handed out. The Assembly thanked Mr Kume for the successful work and closed the project.

#### **Study of origin and conservation strategy of the Pramenka sheep breeds as regional transboundary breeds/ Development of a regional network in function of sustainable breeding programs for transboundary breeds**

Ante Ivankovic reported on these two Ad hoc actions. For the project of the Pramenka Sheep final activities are planned for 2013. The remaining budget will be spent on printing of the publication “Study of origin and conservation strategy of the Pramenka sheep breeds as regional transboundary breeds”.

Ante Ivanković presented the final report of project Development of a regional network in function of sustainable breeding programs for transboundary breeds. Website “Regional network for conservation of transboundary breeds” was established (<http://transbreeds-see.com/>). The remaining money returns to ERFP budget. The Project Development of a regional network in function of sustainable breeding programs for transboundary breeds is closed.

### Proper way of supports for endangered livestock breeds – SUBSIBREED

Drago Kompan presented the current status of the project. A final meeting shall take place from 21<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 in Bled, Slovenia. Mr Kompan asked for additional 4000 € to fund the meeting and the printing of the final report. The Assembly decided that it is not necessary to print a booklet and decided to keep the budget of the project unchanged. The results should be published in a digital version. Mr Begemann added that ERFP publications should have a standardized form. The Secretariat will develop guidelines for that.

### Development of models assessing the breeds risk status by utilization of population and relevant georeferenced data

Andreas Georgoudis reported of the current status of the project and presented the achieved results. The project is foreseen to be closed in the first semester of 2014, after a meeting of the participants, where the results will be discussed and included in the final report of the project.

### Development of new reports for EFABIS/ Transboundary breeds in CryoWEB

Zhivko Ducheve presented the projects. He criticized that many countries did not upload their data to EFABIS. Frank Begemann answered that ERFP knows the problems. He believes that the uploading tool (developed by Zhivko Ducheve) will facilitate the work. Christina Ligda added that the situation is improving.

### Progress report by EAAP WG-AnGR & report on joint EAAP/FAO/ERFP sessions

Eildert Groeneveld reported from the Working Group on behalf of Sipke-Joost Hiemstra.

### Progress report by FAO and summary of country progress reporting on implementation of the GPA

Irene Hoffmann gave an overview of the FAO activities in the last year. She reminded of the deadlines for data delivery for the SoW and the GPA progress report. To avoid double work for the countries, the Steering Committee asked to link the country reports on the FAO/CGRFA/AnGR-homepage to the ERFP-homepage. In this case there would be no need for the countries to prepare a separate country report for ERFP. Ms Hoffmann and Ms Baumung agreed with this idea. They reported that the FAO/CGRFA/AnGR-homepage had been revised. The new structure is more easy to navigate and the country reports can be found easily.

### AOB

Frank Begemann mentioned that there will be scheduling difficulties concerning the Assembly Meeting 2014 in Copenhagen because of another meeting in Vancouver. The Assembly decided that the meeting 2014 will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014 following to the 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Federation for Animal Science (EAAP). The Steering Committee Meeting and the Bilateral Meeting with the FAO will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.

Coralie Danchin-Burge held a presentation on AnGR in France and gave some information about the Technical Visit in the afternoon. Catherine Marguerat-König introduced the sponsor of this visit. Afterwards she thanked all participants for coming and closed the meeting.

**Technical Visit**

Finally there was a Technical Visit to “Domaine des Rues” in Chenillé Change.