

Working group 1

Minutes of the Vice Leader: Hely Haggman

1 Welcome to participants

The joined meeting of Working group (WG) 1 and 4 meeting started at 9.00 am.

The participants of the WG1 and WG4 were welcomed by Hely Häggman, the Vice Leader of the WG1.

Because the Leader of the WG1, Gilles Pilate, was not able to attend the meeting Hely Häggman chaired the meeting.

2 Adoption of the Agenda

Gilles Pilate and Hely Häggman had in before-hand prepared a program including the tentative content of the meeting and the recapitulating of the content of WG1 (item 4), working on the draft Table to decide what kind of information need to be collected (item 5) and to schedule more precisely the action to be engaged until the next meeting (item 6). In addition the task group members of the WG1 were proposed in the beginning of the meeting (item 3).

3 Task group members

In the beginning of the meeting, the Action Chair Cristina Vettori reminded of the importance to propose the task group members for WG1. When Hely Häggman asked about the interest on the task group Terezia Salaj and Lucian Curtu (ESR) enrolled as volunteers. In addition Hely Häggman asked the willingness of Ove Nilsson and Isabel Allona for task group members.

4 Recapitulating of the content of WG1

Hely Häggman presented shortly the general tasks of the WG1 (“Biological characterization of GMTs” and “To evaluate existing knowledge of GMTs”) as well as the specific tasks (“Literature and methods developed on gene flow and containment strategies”, “Information available on the constructs, traits etc.” and “Information on GMTs”). It was realized that the WG themes are partly overlapping and therefore it is important to co-operate with WGs 2 and 3.

5 Working on the draft Table to decide what kind of information need to be collected

For this purpose Hely Häggman and Gilles Pilate had constructed a tentative list of issues potentially necessary to be addressed and to help the discussions within the group. The discussion within the group was lively including different opinions. Therefore, the decision was to make two surveys one concerning field trials (in detail) and the other one greenhouse experiments (in less detail). In these surveys, GMTs are defined as forest trees or non-forest trees (e.g. some fruit trees) with potential impact on forest ecosystems. All participants agreed that the information should be collected via these two surveys which should be done at global wide. More precisely WG1 and WG4 members decided to collect information by sending an inquiry letter with link to surveys at the Action www pages designed and executed by WG4. Each WG participant will send the inquiry letter to the researchers in his / her own country and depending on the personal contacts abroad also there. The contacts of each WG member will be charged of will be determined later to avoid possible overlapping. The information of the sent inquiries will also be sent to the Action web page holder to keep track on the global coverage.

Based on the discussions in the WG1 and WG4, Hely Häggman wrote a draft letter and the list of issues to be included in field trial and greenhouse experiment inquiries.

6 The schedule the action need to be engaged until the next meeting

The Action chair Cristina Vettori reminded that the Action will be evaluated next spring and therefore it is important to show results of the activities and to get started in these inquiries as fast as possible. Therefore, concerning the surveys the first drafts (letter and list of issues concerning

greenhouse experiments and list of issues concerning field trials) will be send to the task group members for evaluation on week 37. After that the drafts will be sent to all members of WG1, to the chairs of the other WGs and to the WG4 members which will began the preparation of the survey web pages. We look forward that during the first part of October we have the final versions of the drafts and it will be possible to start sending the inquiries.

The meeting ended at 12.20 pm

Hely Häggman, Vice Leader of the WG1