

Working group 2

Minutes of the Leader: Fernando Gallardo

The discussion was only focused on WG2 activities and workflow because of the absence of both WG3 Leader and Vice Leader in the meeting. According to the approved MoU, the WG2 basic questions and topics were briefly introduced by WG2 Leader. Three Task Groups were defined according to the main WG2 topics:

Task Group 1 that will mainly deal with the study of impact assessments for crops and other GMOs from different countries, and for comparison with GMTs,

Task Group 2 that will mainly deal with monitoring tools of the transgene to the final product including persistence and fate of the recombinant sequence, and

Task Group 3 that will mainly deal with the impact on exposed ecosystems and on plant's omics.

The general workflow was also discussed considering that the available info and documents have to be revised by several task group members to collect relevant data in connection with WG2 basic questions and topics. A specific form for reporting web sites info, documents, publications and country-specific directives will be discussed by e-mail.

After the general discussion on Task Groups and workflow, the WG2 members revised or provided specific information about their expertise for the creation of a specific WG2 info sheet, and Members were distributed between the three task groups. Marja Ruuhonen-Lehto (Fin) and Stefano Biricolti (It) were nominated as Leaders of Task Groups 1 and 3, respectively. The nomination of Task Group 2 Leader was initially postponed, but just after the meeting, Antoine Harfouche (It) expressed his willingness to conduct Task Group 2, and his name is now included as Task Group 2 Leader.

Task Groups & Distribution of WG2 members (Hamburg, Sep 2010)

| Task Group 1: Study of impact assessments for crops and other GMOs and from different countries for comparison with GMTs | Task Group 2: Monitoring tool of the transgene to the final product & persistence and fate | Task Group 3: Impact on exposed ecosystems and on plant's omics |
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| Marja Ruuhonen-Lehto (TG1 Leader, Fin) Boet Glandorf (Ned) Anita Greiter (Aus) Didier Breyer (Bel) Lucia Ionita (Rom) Katileena Lothander-Buckbee (Fin) Hans Hoenicka (Ger) Vassiliki Kazana (Gre) | Antoine Harfouche (TG2 Leader, It) ¹ Lise Jouanin (Fra) Krassimir Naydenov (Bul) ² Fernando Gallardo (Spa) | Stefano Biricolti (TG3 Leader, It) Donatella Paffetti (It) Wout Boerjan (Bel) Marcel Robischon (Ger) Fernando Gallardo (Spa) |

¹ Proposed after the meeting

² Group member proposed by Alexander Alexandrov (Bul)

Next short-term steps in the organization of WG2 work will include (1) the elaboration of a common form to elaborate reports on available web sites / documents, and (2) the distribution of WG2 members that did not attend the meeting into the three Task Groups.

The meeting ended at 12:00 with the general comment about the upcoming nomination of a new WG3 Leader.

Fernando Gallardo & Lucia Ionita, Leader and Vice Leader of WG2