

**ECPGR *Ad hoc* meeting on Fruit Synonyms and
Fruit Network Databases
Gembloux, Belgium, 23-25 June 2008**

Meeting's objectives

1) *Ad hoc* Meeting on Fruit Synonyms of *Prunus*, *Malus*, *Pyrus* and *Vitis* cultivars.

The objective is to elaborate a harmonized methodology for solving this old and well-known problem of the tremendous number of existing cultivars synonyms.

Specific Objectives of the Fruit Synonyms meeting are :

- Definition of the problem of synonyms in fruit and discussion with the view to elaborate a common methodology to resolve the issue, by elaborating a consensus methodological report document.
- Practical work on validation of synonyms lists (first priority on Cherry & Pear).

Clarification of the existing synonyms is very important to help identifying the "Most Appropriate Accessions" (MAA) to be included in the European Collection which is being defined by the AEGIS initiative. Through a consensus report, the meeting should offer a basis for the definition of preliminary lists of MAA, in view of the AEGIS meeting planned in Poland in July 2008.

2) *Ad hoc* meeting of the four Fruit Database Managers (*Vitis*, *Prunus*, *Malus* & *Pyrus* (only the four DB managers, morning of 23 June). The objective is to compare the four database tools and their status of progress; exploring the opportunity for technical harmonization of the databases, exchange of experience. A consensus document will be drafted, indicating the network vision for the future development of the four databases.

Instructions for DB managers:

Before the meeting, Database managers are asked to propose for each crop a list of the most common cultivars that belong to our European collection and to start with this sample, ideally with their already encoded synonyms linked to a literature reference.

These lists will be circulated among the 'experts' prior to the meeting, asking them to revise and to complete them with a proposal of common "Euonyms" (i.e. the consensus name of a cultivar to be used for cross-referencing purposes in the database).

Instructions for fruit experts:

Invited experts are asked to analyze the documents that they will receive from the DB managers concerning lists of accessions, synonyms and proposed "euonyms" and are asked to start the "paper work" in order to propose their ideas on this topic during the meeting

Experts are also asked to send their lists of best choices for reference books for each crop, dealing with fruit description and synonyms. Deadline: 17th June.

If possible, experts are invited to bring with them some of these documents.

Draft agenda

Monday, 23 June 2008

9.00-12.00	Meeting of the Fruit Database Managers (<i>Prunus</i> , <i>Vitis</i> , <i>Malus</i> & <i>Pyrus</i>) with the objective to harmonize the four tools and developing a joint "vision report"
12.30	<i>Arrival of all participants</i>
	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-14.30	Historical aspects of the evolution of the names given to fruit cultivars and practical problems observed
14.30-15.00	Methodology for the establishment of the "List of Names of Woody Plants" books by <i>M.H.A. Hoffman</i>
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30-16.00	Presentation of the working methods used by the "Synopyrus" software and discussion on a joint working method to be jointly agreed
16.00-17.30	Discussion and write-up of the consensus work protocols adopted for sorting out most of the synonyms
17.30-18.30	Start of practical work on the synonyms and euonyms lists, in separate Crop Task Forces (TF)
18.30	Back to the hotel

Tuesday 24th June

9.00-10.00	Feedback from the different TF. Discussion on problems and possible adoption of a common methodology.
10.00-10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30-12.00	Continuation of work of the Crop's TF
12.00-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30-15.00	Continuation of work of the Crop's TF
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30-16.45	Short feedback of the different Crop's TF and discussion of problems
16.45-18.00	Continuation and final work of the Crop's TF

Wednesday 25th June

9.00-10.00	Feedback of the Crop's TF and finalizing the document describing the common protocols
10.00-10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30-11.30	Crop's TF reconvened for final definition of minimum descriptors and standards for fruit photographs
11.30-12.30	Conclusion, presentation of the draft report, future work plan and closing session
	<i>Free Lunch</i>
	<i>Departure of participants or possibility to visit the Fruit Genebank (apple, pear, cherry, plum, peach, grape)</i>