

## **Report on 3rd ICGN Steering Committee Meeting Campinas, 18 September, 2008**

*SC members present:*

Working Group representatives : Alan Andrade, Philippe Lashermes, and Thierry Leroy.

Industry representative : Giorgio Graziozi

Honorary member : André Charrier.

The quorum being reached, the meeting can proceed.

*Points addressed:*

\* ICGN secretariat: The SC was informed by André Charrier of the agreement of Bioversity International to continue supporting the secretariat of ICGN. In particular, Bioversity International is offering its Montpellier office (including some time of technical and support staff) to serve as a stable platform for improved communication by:

- a) Organizing teleconferences
- b) Maintaining the ICGN web site and updating it regularly based on inputs from the Working Group representatives and any ICGN members
- c) Providing office support (translations, mailing, etc.).

The engagement of Bioversity International was highly appreciated by the SC. Furthermore, the importance to have an updated and lively Web-Site was pointed out. Thanks were expressed to Florent Engelmann for these activities as Executive Secretary even in the absence of specific funding. For the coming years, the SC expressed the need to internationalise the ICGN management and to give a high priority on the research of fund for the genome sequencing initiative. It was therefore decided to nominate Marcela Yepes (Cornell University) as new Executive Secretary. In addition, it was agreed to propose to Florent Engelmann to take over specific actions on “Coffee genetic resources conservation” in close relationships with Bioversity International and WG-1 coordinators.

\* Updating of working group-coordinators: It was agreed that the Executive Secretary will contact the different coordinators for obtaining confirmation to serve as coordinator and suggestions to improve the activities of the different working groups.

\* Designation of Chair of SC: Philippe Lashermes will continue to serve as chairperson of the SC for the next months. Once the composition of the SC is updated (tentatively by the PAG meeting), a rotation will be re-considered.

\* Minutes of ICGN general assembly held in Campinas: Minutes of the meeting that was attended by more than 35 persons, will be prepared and distributed to all members by the Executive Secretary.

\* White paper regarding the “Coffee genome sequencing initiative”: The draft paper that has been circulated among members will be finalised. A short fact sheet will be prepared by the SC to facilitate the fund raising. Different country members have already expressed their commitment

to take part in this initiative by means of ongoing research programs but also by looking to additional national funding opportunities in a concerted action with ICGN proposal.

\* Contacts with ICO regarding the possibility of funding of the “Coffee genome sequencing initiative”: The SC considered this possibility as extremely important. Depending on the response obtained following first contacts (Giorgio and Philippe) with the private sector, Giorgio Graziosi will get in touch with ICO authority in this regards.