

## Report ICGN Steering Committee Conference Call

Date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

### Participants (10)

#### Current Steering Committee Members

Philippe Lashermes (IRD)	Chair ICGN & Coordinator Working Group 3
Thierry Leroy (CIRAD)	Coordinator Working Group 2
Alan Andrade (EMBRAPA)	Coordinator Working Group 4
H. L. Sreenath (CCRI)	Coordinator Working Group 5
Lukas Mueller (BTI)	Coordinator Working Group 6
Ehsan Dulloo (Bioversity)	Bioversity Representative
Giorgio Graziosi (U. Trieste)	Industry Representative

#### Others

André Charrier (ENSAM)	Previous Chair ICGN (2005/2006) & Honorary Member with advisory capacity
Marcela Yepes (Cornell U.)	Secretariat
Florent Engelmann (Bioversity)	Secretariat

#### Report topics discussed:

1. *Overview working group activities:* see reports for previous ICGN meetings held in San Diego, USA (Jan 12, 2009) in conjunction with the Plant and Animal Genome, and ICGN meeting held in Campinas, Brazil in conjunction with the ASIC meeting (Sep 18, 2008) now posted in the www at:  
[http://www.coffeegenome.org/communications/meeting\\_report.htm](http://www.coffeegenome.org/communications/meeting_report.htm)
2. *Discuss fund raising activities and proposals submitted on behalf of ICGN.* Proposals to the French National Research Agency (ANR) and the InterAmerican Development Bank have been submitted. Other agencies are being contacted as well as the International Coffee Organization and private industry.
3. *ICGN Steering Committee Chair and Secretariat.* Since the absence of new WG coordinator volunteering to serve as chair person and the importance to keep continuity in the ICGN management and to take advantage of complementary expertise of all persons of good will, there was a general consensus among the SC to propose to the ICGN members the following measures: The Steering Committee recommends to extend the term of the Chair of the Steering Committee, Philippe Lashermes for an additional 2 years (until Sep 2010) to give continuity to the ICGN efforts. Similarly, to strengthen these efforts a joint role is recommended for the Secretariat that has been kindly represented by Bioversity through Florent Engelmann. The Steering Committee nominated Marcela Yepes

- (Cornell University) to join this effort with Florent to strengthen the search for international funding for the sequencing of the coffee genome. Bioversity kindly has agreed to continue to support the www page and the networking activities of the ICGN, as well as, to help us prepare and promote proposals for conservation of coffee genetic resources a topic of high priority to the coffee scientific community.
4. Procedures for the Steering Committee (membership, duration of the terms, and function) will be reconsidered during the next ICGN general assembly (tentatively during the next ASIC conference: ASIC 2010 3-8 october, Bali, Indonesia). Propositions will be prepared by the SC committee. Discussion before ASIC with all members through a Community forum (to be updated in the www page) would be also envisaged. The goals of the network in particular the current efforts to support the sequencing of the coffee genome, to serve as a facilitator for international collaborative efforts and exchange of ideas among members, and to gain a broader funding base with industry participation will also be discussed with the whole community to make sure that we are well structured and positioned as a community to accomplish our common goals.

#### **Announcements:**

The meeting of the *Solanaceae* genomics community SOL meeting will be held Nov 8-13, 2009 in New Delhi, India. Lukas Mueller indicated that more information on the meeting, and the program of the coffee section that will be held, will be posted shortly by the SOL genomics network (SGN) at:

<http://sgn.cornell.edu>