

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. "Indica Semidwarfs" - Rutger
2. Nominations and Elections for CGC
3. Other

MINUTES

RICE CROP GERmplasm COMMITTEE

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San Antonio, Texas

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The 17th meeting of the Rice Crop Germplasm Committee (RCGC) was held at the Airport Hilton Hotel in conjunction with the 26th Rice Technical Working Group. Committee members present were Shannon Pinson, Jeffrey Oster, Chris Deren, Anna Myers McClung, Farman Jodari, John Bernhardt, Jim Stroike, Kent McKenzie, Chairman, and Allen Stoner, CGC Coordinator. The meeting was open and several other interested parties were in attendance and contributed to the discussion. The business meeting is summarized as follows:

1. Minutes for the 16th meeting were approved (Stroike and Bernhardt, motion and second).
2. Dr. J. Neil Rutger announced the pending ground breaking for construction of the National Rice Germplasm Evaluation and Enhancement Center in Arkansas, April 12, 1996 and discussed the staffing and mission.
3. Dr. Allan Stoner reviewed the recent name change of Crop Advisory Committee to Rice Crop Germplasm Committee (RCGC), the National Germplasm System, and gave a Germplasm Resources Information Network (GRIN) update on computer hardware improvements and World Wide Web status.
4. Reports of 1995 activities were given on the U.S. Rice Working Collection and the Plant Germplasm Quarantine Office (PGQO). APHIS processed 5,511 accessions for rice quarantine permit holders and has implemented a limit of 150 accessions per permit holder per month.
5. Dr. Robert Dilday reported on continuing efforts and progress on establishing a rice introduction nursery at St. Croix. After a lengthy discussion on production problems, it was recognized that establishing such a facility would help solve backlog problems.
6. Dr. Kent McKenzie provided a recap of 1995 RCGC activities. This included a letter from Dr. Shands on CSSA policy, intellectual property rights, germplasm exchange, and letters to quarantine permit holders.
7. The continuing issue of reviewing and revising rice quarantine procedures was discussed. Any major changes will require supporting documentation. PGQO may try to develop a short term project to provide this information. The establishment of a workable system at St. Croix would relieve the backlog of material being held for quarantine grow-out.

8. A revised RCGC report will be prepared in 1996 by the committee as requested by Dr. Stoner for use by the National Germplasm System. It will address the many new changes which have occurred in rice and give direction for rice germplasm conservation, enhancement, and evaluation. The revision will be done by the RCGC committee and the cooperating USDA organizations.

9. Drs. Jim Stroikey, Shannon Pinson, and John Bernhardt completed their terms on the RCGC and were thanked for their 6 years of service. Dr. David Mackill (USDA-ARS), Kirk Johnson (Busch Ag. Resources, Inc.), and Jim Barbour (LSU) were elected as new members.

10. The next meeting of the RCGC was proposed to be at the 1997 Rice Breeders' Conference. Tentative meeting site and date are Stuttgart, Arkansas, February, 1997.