**Minutes of Meeting Medicinal and Nutraceuticals CGC Meeting**

Sunday, Sep.14, 2014, 4:25 PM in Athens, Greece at AAIC 2014 Annual Meeting

**Present**:

Brad Morris

Travis Miller

Dipak Santra

Rudolfo Juliani

Maria J. Pascual-Villalobos

Diana Jasso de Rodrigue

Julian Barrera (Agracast Inc.)

* Minutes of last meeting (Oct.26, 2010) is approved. Motion 1st by Travis Miller 2nd by Dipak Santra
* Germplasm collection proposal call tentative date is due in July 2015. Non-USDA personnel can apply.
* Descriptors for three new plant species were approved to be included to ‘Medicinal and Essential Oil Crop Germplasm Crops (MEOCGC)
	+ *Actaea*, *Hypericum*, and *Prunella*
* Following three new species were proposed to be transferred to the MEOCGC
	+ Brad Morris told that **Roselle** (***Hibiscus sabdariffa***) is already transferred to MEOCGC. Fruits of this crop is edible (similar to okra).
	+ Dipak Santra proposed Fenugreek ***Trigonella foenum-graecum***), an annual legume with multiple medicinal values. Dipak will send a brief information to Brad to pass it to the committee for consideration.
	+ Maria J. Pascual-Villalobos proposed couple of insect repelling species (e.g. *Caraway*, *Carum carvii*). She will send more info to Brad to pass it to the CGC for consideration
* Julian offered future collaboration with Brad Morris for seed increase of Roselle.
* Crop vulnerability statements: Brad and Dipak will work together to develop initial manuscript for submission to a Peer Reviewed Journal (??) within next 6-months.
* Dipak, Rudolfo, Maria and Diana expressed interest to serve in the CGC committee. They will be informed later.
* Brad provided the following documents at the meeting:
	1. Minutes of meeting (Oct.26, 2010)
	2. Lists of current new crop taxa to be transferred to MEOCGC and other species offered by new crops but declined.
	3. \*2014 Report to PGOC, RTACs and CGC s from USDA-ARS National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, MD.
	4. Curator report by Brad Morris on activities in *Hibiscus sabdariffa* and *H. cannabanis* medicinal and essential oil crop collection (Oct. 2013 – Sep. 2014) at USDA-ARS southern plant introduction station, Athens, GA.
	5. \*Curator report from USDA-ARS North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station, Ames, IA by Danny Barney (absent).
	6. \*Report from USDA-ARS Western Regional Plant Introduction Station, Pullman, WA by Barbara Hellier (absent).

\*Maria and Diana requested electronic copies of these three documents from Brad.

* Next meeting was proposed to be at New Orleans during 2015 ASHS Annual Meeting or at AAIC Annual Meeting 2015 in Lubbock, TX.
* Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.