

Minutes of Root and Bulb Vegetable Crop Germplasm Committee Meeting
July 31, 2012, InterContinental Hotel, Miami, Florida

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present:

Gary Kinard, USDA-ARS
Larry Robertson, USDA-ARS
Jinguo Itu, USDA-ARS
Ann Marie Thro, USDA-NIFA
Peter Breeting, USDA-ARS
Phil Simon, USDA-ARS and University of Wisconsin-Madison
Barbara Hellier, USDA-ARS
Kathy Reitsma, USDA-ARS
Jim Cervantes, Vilmorin
Irwin Goldman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1. The question was asked whether anyone was aware of new members who should be asked to join the RBV-CGC. Two potential new members are Patrice Dubois from Nunhems and Jim Cervantes from Vilmorin.
2. Phil Simon provided a carrot sub-committee report. Phil mentioned that there is some interest in selection of accessions in the collection. Roger Freeman has identified some concerns in certain accessions that he has been increasing. The issue of “cleaning up” accessions was discussed by the group. The challenge is in maintaining the integrity of an accession versus creating a “cleaned up” secondary accession. There was some discussion about the potential positive value of adding to the collection in this way, but any additions to the collection must be within reason as to the total number of accessions that can be managed. Phil discussed the possibility that any new accessions should be evaluated at multiple locations and that international partners could be asked to participate as well. He also discussed redundancy issues and future collection opportunities as part of his report.
3. A report was provided and discussed by Larry Robertson of Geneva, NY (attached).
4. A report was provided and discussed by Kathy Reitsma of Ames, IA (attached).
5. A report was provided and discussed by Barbara Hellier of Pullman, WA (attached). Discussion occurred during this report about the production of virus-free garlic and protocols for such production.
6. A report was provided and discussed by Gary Kinard of Washington, DC for the National Germplasm Resources Lab (attached). Discussion occurred during this report about digitizing PI information and enhancing GRIN.

7. A report was provided and discussed by Peter Bretting of Washington DC (attached). Discussion occurred during this report about ARS budget reductions, location and program closings, SCA reductions, and the review of NP 301.
8. A report was prepared and distributed from Chris Cramer of Las Cruces, NM regarding regeneration of onion accessions.
9. Phil Simon discussed his proposed collection trip to Morocco with David Spooner to collect land races of carrot, onion, and garlic.
10. Future meetings include the International Carrot Conference in Madison, WI on August 15-16, 2013, the National Onion Research Conference in Las Cruces, NM in December, 2012, and the International Cryopreservation of Horticultural Crops meeting in August 2013.
11. Peter Bretting discussed some issues associated with exchange of germplasm with China and Chinese scientists. He is looking for input on these issues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irwin Goldman