

Crop Genebank Knowledge Base

Update 2 – July 2010

Based on meeting held on 18 June 2010 and follow up actions to contract translator and editor.

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1. Translation into Spanish

Following up on point 2 in the previous update from May 2010, the translator identified by Tom Payne, Alma McNab, has accepted to translate the CGKB into Spanish and has already started her work. The language component has been installed and at the top of the website, above the banner, you can now switch to the Spanish version. All menus have been translated and the Spanish text is uploaded as it is submitted to the group working on the site. You can already find parts of the wheat and maize best practices as well as some other pages in Spanish. Alma McNab will get in touch with any of the contact persons, should questions about the content need to be answered to warrant correct translation.

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2. English editing of CGKB

The English editing of the web site was considered necessary, both to facilitate the translation into Spanish (and hopefully also other languages in future), and to take the English to a consistent standard throughout the web site. An editor has therefore been contracted and she is starting with the editing of the crop section. The editor is Olga Spellman and she as well will get directly in touch with the respective contact person for a crop, management strategy or procedures, if any content clarifications are necessary

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3. Options for launch of the web site and other occasions to promote the CGKB

World food day (16th October 2010) and the conference of the parties (COP 10) to the CBD in Japan (18-29 October 2010) are suggested as possible launch events. We should get an opinion from Kazuo Watanabe, involved in the COP preparation, whether he sees that as an appropriate event. Alexandra can follow up as she is supposed to meet him at the Korea genebank course, which is held during the first two weeks of July and where the CGKB is used again like last year to provide lectures to the participants.

There will be an Africa knowledge share fair in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in October, similar to the one in Cali in May, which would be another good occasion to showcase the CGKB. Alexandra, being based in Addis, would be the logical person to attend.

Other centers should be involved in the launch at the same date. Bioversity could prepare a general press release, which could be customized and translated by the other centers.

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4. Inclusion of further GPG2 products

The GPG2 products on genetic stocks, non plant taxa (rhizobia, microbes) and neglected and underutilized species are being included to the CGKB under the menu item “specialized collections” in the management strategies section. They will be protected by login until they are ready. Login to see them (username: visitor; password: guest)

5. Location of updates on the CGKB

We have created a space on the knowledge base, within the learning resources section, where the updates will be stored. These are visible to you when you log in to the site at http://croptgenebank.sgrp.cgiar.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=608&Itemid=814&lang=english.

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