

## Genetic Resources Policy Committee (GRPC) 2004 Workplan and Budget

### A. 2004 Workplan

The GRPC held its first meeting on Feb 16-18, 2004 in Rome. In that meeting, the Committee formulated the following workplan for 2004.

Issue	Activity/Input	Outputs	Timetable
Implementation of the Treaty: MTA for Centre-developed materials	Amend, as agreed, the two documents “Benefit-Sharing Provisions of Material Transfer Agreements for Products of Centre Research under the International Treaty” and “MTAs for the CGIAR: Today and Tomorrow” to capture GRPC discussions.	Revised, endorsed texts sent to CDC	E. Frison will circulate revised texts – March 2004  Comments from GRPC members – mid March 2004  Texts sent to CDC – end March 2004
Implementation of the Treaty: Centres' agreements with the GB	GRPC takes note of the current draft as basis for discussion with the GB		Before next Commission meeting
Assessment of Centres' impact concerning:  1. technology transfers as benefit-sharing, and 2. contributions to Farmers' Rights	Conduct a study focused on mechanisms for implementation of benefit-sharing under ITPGRFA. GRPC will ask the CDC for a report on what the Centres are doing and can in the future do:  1. vis-à-vis technology transfer, 2. to contribute to the realization of Farmers' Rights.  With respect to Farmers' Rights, the GRPC Secretariat will develop a draft list of questions for CDC to include to their request to the CDs.	CDC report to GRPC  GRPC will review paper and consider policy implications	GRPC Secretariat will draft TOR and make request to the CDC – March 2004  Paper from CDC – before Sept 2004 GRPC meeting
CGIAR GMO management policies	GRPC will issue a statement to all Centres informing about workshop and possible follow-up on a system-wide basis of implications of GMO management policies. In the meantime, GRPC will suggest that they take the approach that recipients take the burden to do extra testing if they feel it is necessary.	GRPC letter to Centres  Proposal for workshop  Workshop at AGM  If mandate is given to GRPC	Secretariat will prepare draft letter to Centres – March 2004  M. Gale will discuss possibility of Science Council participation – 10 May 2004

	<p>GRPC will request CIMMYT to provide GRPC with updates regarding the their own policy development process</p> <p>R. Cantrell and E. Frison will revise the CDC's draft CGIAR GMO policy document based on discussions at GRPC</p> <p>E. Frison will contact the Secretariat suggesting a ½ day workshop be held during AGM re: management of GMOs with emphasis on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Centres' screening policies, e.g., CIMMYT's</li> <li>2. Presentation of CDC's draft CGIAR GMO Policy statements.</li> </ol> <p>GRPC will invite the Science Council to co-organize/participate. E. Frison and M. Halewood to prepare a proposal for the workshop</p>	for future work, possibly a draft System-wide screening policy or guidelines.	Proposal for workshop – June 2004 or Workshop at AGM – late October 04
GR & TK at WIPO	GRPC to monitor developments at WIPO	Update by Secretariat	GRPC Meeting – Sept 04
Global Crop Diversity Trust	GRPC endorsed the Trust as noted by the Commission in October 2002 as set in page 2 of the minutes above.	GRPC endorsement	Update at GRPC Meeting – Sept 04
Svalbard plan revisited	<p>E. Frison to send a letter on behalf of IPGRI making reference to GRPC, ICWG, asking Norway if it is willing to reconsider its original offer. Not a formal request; just an inquiry.</p> <p>IPGRI, on behalf of GRPC/ICWG-GR could also raise the issue at the next Commission meeting.</p>	<p>Letter to Norway from IPGRI</p> <p>Intervention at Commission meeting</p>	<p>Letter – late March 2004</p> <p>Intervention at next Commission meeting</p>
IPRs held by third parties	<p>GRPC will request CAS to conduct an overview/survey of issues that we need to address.</p> <p>C-G Thornstrom will draft TORs for Committee to review/endorse before sending to CAS.</p> <p>[NB: CAS will require financial support for this paper]</p>	Report from CAS	<p>C-G Thornstrom to circulate TORs, – end of Feb 2004</p> <p>Report – before next GRPC meeting</p>

<p>Ethics and activities at FAO</p>	<p>GRPC will inform Centres of existence of FAO initiatives on Ethics for Food and Agriculture and FAO papers on the FAO web-site (without endorsing them).</p> <p>J. Esquinas-Alcázar, as Chair of the FAO Sub-committee on Ethics for Food and Agriculture will keep GRPC informed on FAO activities and publications on this area.</p> <p>GRPC to consider, next year, how to promote awareness within the CG system of ethical issues.</p>	<p>Message from GRPC to Centres</p> <p>Briefing reports</p>	<p>Message – end of March 2004</p> <p>Briefings – GRPC meetings</p>
<p>FAO International Code of Conduct for Plant Germplasm Collecting and Transfer</p>	<p>GRPC (through IPGRI) will introduce the idea of updating the Code for use as Centre Guidelines for collecting and distribution of materials not covered in Annex 1 and art 15.1.a. and b to the ICWG-GR.</p> <p>GRPC (through IPGRI) will commission a study on how it can be used in harmony with other existing international agreements and regulations.</p> <p>IPGRI will provide background material that might be useful regarding collecting/distributing guidelines.</p> <p>CAS will be consulted throughout process.</p>	<p>Revised version of code, updated for use as guidelines for collecting and distribution</p>	<p>E. Frison to contact ICWG-GR about idea – April 2004</p> <p>Commission draft – May 2004</p> <p>Circulate draft to ICWG-GR through E-mail – July 2004</p> <p>Revision accommodating ICWG comments distributed – before next GRPC meeting, Sept 04.</p>

Demand driven GRPC agenda setting process	GRPC will request the CDC for feedback on policy issues that should be addressed by the GRPC.  E. Frison will make this request during his report to the CDC.	Report from CDC  Briefing report by Secretariat	Report from CDC– Before next GRPC meeting  Briefing – GRPC meeting, Sept 04
Animals, Fisheries and Forestry and Microbes	GRPC will monitor progress in the field vis-à-vis policy issues.	Briefing report by GRPC Secretariat	Briefing – GRPC meeting, Sept 04
Operationalization of article 15.4	Cary Fowler will write a one page concept note concerning: a) examining SINGER data for inflows of materials from non-Annex 1 crops, b) developing strategies for accessing PGRFA of non-Annex I PGRFA, pursuant to the Treaty’s Article 15.4.	One page concept note	GRPC Meeting – Sept 04
Invasive species	GRPC will monitor policy consequences for the Centres of discussions about invasive species at CBD and elsewhere.	Briefing report by IPGRI  If appropriate, policy guidelines could be developed	Briefing – GRPC meeting, Sept 04

## **B. GRPC Budget 2004**

The following budget was submitted by the GRPC Secretary (Emile Frison) after discussion with the GRPC Chair (Carlos Correa).

Travel costs*	\$ 26,000.00
Per diems, hotel and other meeting costs	17,000.00
Supplies and services	1,500.00
Chair Honorarium**	5,000.00
Commissioned background studies	15,000.00
GMO workshop*** (for non-Centre participants)	40,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 104,500.00</b>

\* Two meetings per year

\*\* US\$500/day for ten days per year

\*\*\* Total cost - US\$65000; Centre participation - US\$ 25,000