



International Gene Banking and Cryopreservation Training Workshop

How to organize and operate a gene bank for farm animal genetic resources?



*Training Workshop
1-3 June 2010
Lelystad, the Netherlands*



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Objective

The aim of the training workshop is to transfer state of the art knowledge in the area of gene banking and to share experiences and knowledge between European countries. A mixture of policy-oriented and more practically involved persons from a variety of countries will be brought together. The training workshop will contribute to strengthening of local, national and European cryopreservation strategies.

Program

The program will have a mixture of plenary lectures/discussions and hands-on experience with cryopreservation and analysis of genetic data. Plenary lectures will include all major issues that are important for gene banking: objectives of gene banks, costs of gene banks, basic principles of cryopreservation, choice of cryopreservation methods and type of genetic materials, sampling strategies, use of gene bank material in breeding and reconstitution programs, sanitary aspects and legal aspects. Participants are expected to develop or strengthen their national or local strategies during the three days and present their plans to other workshop participants.

Who can participate?

Target group of this training workshop are professionals with strategic and/or operational responsibilities in gene banking in Europe. Participation will be limited to 50 persons, the number of participants per country will be optimized and the group of participants is expected to cover whole Europe.

Partners/organizing committee

The training workshop is organized by the Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands of Wageningen University and Research Centre (CGN), in collaboration with the European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources (ERFP) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Lecturers

Lecturers will be recruited from the scientific and gene banking community in Europe and involvement of experts from outside Europe may also have an added value for the European target group. The training workshop for Europe will build on the successful first global training workshop in this area in Tunis, April 2009.



Location

Wageningen UR Livestock Research / CGN
Edelhertweg 15
8219 PH Lelystad
The Netherlands

Applications and costs

Applications to participate in this training workshop can be sent to kees.zuidberg@wur.nl. The deadline for applications is 20 January 2010. Acceptable candidates will receive a letter/e-mail of acceptance and further instructions for registration. Please note that all correspondence will refer to the name of the training workshop.

There is no participant fee for this training workshop. Travel expenses, board and lodging will be covered by participants. Prices of accommodation/hotel are available on request.

There is limited funding available from FAO and ERFP to support a number of participants financially. Applications for funding of costs of travel, board and lodging can also be sent to kees.zuidberg@wur.nl.

Further information and contact

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