Public-Private Partnership for pre-breeding
Steering Committee meeting minutes

Meeting: 1st Public-Private Partnership for pre-breeding (PPP) Steering Committee (SC) meeting
Purpose: First meeting, constituting SC, inform on base and funding, agree on terms and wording for first Call.
Date: 2011.09.06.
Time: 10.00-13.00
Place: SLU Alnarp, Sweden
Participants: Country representatives:
- Lars Landbo, Pdir, DK (LL)
- Tuula Pehu, MMM, FI (TP)
- Magne Gullord, LMD, NO (MG)
- Anders Nilsson, SLU, SE (AN) (SC chair)
Plant breeding entities representatives:
- Idun Christie, Graminor, NO (IC)
- Kurt Hjortsholm, Sejet, DK (KH)
- Annette Olesen, Lantmännen, SE (AO) (participating until 12.15)
- Marja Jalli, MTT, FI (MJ) (participating by video link)
Nordic Academia representative:
- Roland von Bothmer, RvB, SLU, SE (RvB)
Secretariat:
- Arní Bragasson, NordGen (AB)
- Eva Jorup Engström, NordGen (EJE)
- Morten Rasmussen, NordGen (MR)

Absence notice: Country representative:
- Thoroddur Sveinsson, LBHI, IS (TS)
Minutes: Morten Rasmussen
CC: Mads Randbøll Wolf, NCM
Külli Annamaa, Estonian national program for plant genetic resources

Agenda:
1 Opening of meeting AN
2 Agenda, adjustment of minutes, AN
3 Presentation of participants (all)
4 Framework for PPP MR Information
5 Election procedure for rep.s from plant breeding MR Information
6 Contract on Secretariat function MR Information
7 Procedures/work plan for the SC AN Discussion
8 Available resources for 2011 – 2013 EJE Information
9 Financial issues – contributions, transactions, EJE Information
remunerations, etc.
10 Targeted Call for proposals for 2011 - 2013 AN Discussion
- Scope
- Procedure for evaluation
11 Next meeting
12 Any other business
Circulated documents:
1 Agenda PPP 6 sep2011
2 PPP-SC-member list
3 Letter for breeding academia 110519 signed
4 Letter for breeding entities 110509 signed
5 PPP-meeting minutes PPP breeding entities 110615 final
6 PPP-budget sektr2011-2013, 2011-08-31
7 PPP-budget projektmedi2011-2013, 2011-09-02
8 PPP-underlag för utarb av arb ordn, 2011-09-01
9 PPP-NMR-NordGen kontrakt PPP-Sekretariatet
10 Call for proposal on pre (draft)
11 PPP Proposal (Avtal)
12 Measures to promote Nordic plant breeding

Meeting Conclusions:

1 Opening of meeting &
2 Agenda
   AN opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. TS gave absence notice, all
   other SC-members were present, MJ by video link. AO regretted having to leave at
   12.15.
   Agenda was approved. It was decided to keep all items on the agenda short, and
   reserve time for discussion and decision on call. For AOB matters 3 short items on
   Baltic States, In Kind contribution and required homepage/web communication was
   proposed. Minutes of meeting decisions to be done by MR, and adjusted by RvB.

3 Presentation of participants
   Short presentation round of all.

4 Framework for PPP
   MR gave an introduction to PPP, describing framework and basic ideas, based on
   decisions as described in circulated PPP proposal (Avtal)

5 Procedure for election of rep’s from plant breeding
   MR gave a short introduction to circulated papers (Letter for breeding academia
   110519 signed, Letter for breeding entities 110509 signed, PPP-meeting minutes
   PPP breeding entities 110615 final). SC member from academia (RvB) is appointed
   via NOVA network. SC members representing plant breeding entities are appointed
   via contacts to all 12 Nordic plant breeding entities, which have returned a signed
   letter of interest. A meeting has been held where a list of proposed members was
   delivered, and a procedure for a balanced proposal was decided. Appointed
   members are supported form all 12 participating entities.

6 Contract on Secretariat function
   Contract on secretariat function at NordGen is distributed and was shortly presented.
   Secretariat functions at NordGen are funded separately by NCM and not by project
   resources. MR will act as coordinator from NordGen.
7 Procedures/work plan for the SC
A preliminary proposal for rules of procedures was presented by AN.
All listed points were discussed and agreed. TP and AO proposed adding terms for
change rules of procedures. AN proposed adding terms of evaluation of program.
Both additions were agreed. It was proposed that call and documents for meeting
should be sent out on 2 weeks’ notice. It was decided that secretariat should develop
a complete proposal for rules of procedures for next meeting.

8 Available resources for 2011 – 2013 &
9 Financial issues – contributions, transactions, remunerations, etc.
Available resources and financial issues were presented by EJE. All figures are
distributed to the group. Proposed budget for secretariat was accepted. Discrepancy
between planned total funding of 12 mill. DKK and existing level of 11,304,000 DKK
was due to decision procedures in Finland. Regarding funding of projects, the
possibility of In Kind contribution by project partners was discussed, and more clear
rules was requested by IC and AO. It was proposed to preferably apply Nordic
guidelines. Questions were raised regarding contracting parties in decided projects
from KH. NordGen will be signing project contracts with contract partners. A clear
prerequisite for project will be that legal rights and matters between project partners
are settled before first payment of contribution from NordGen.

10 Targeted Call for proposals for 2011 – 2013
AN presented proposal for targeted Call for pre-breeding projects. It is unrealistic that
actual project work can start before 2012. The funding of the PPP includes, however,
2011. This opens different possibilities: extending the pilot phase one year to include
2014, increase the allocation of resources for 2012 and 2013 to two projects now
started, or to open up for three projects now funded for 2012 and 2013. AN noted that
SC is supposed to deliver an evaluation of the pilot phase before the end of 2013,
that it would be politically correct to make possible the inclusion of a project on a crop
for which the funding is coming from public sources and that the start of three projects
instead of two would reduce the risks for the PPP concept taken when pilot projects
are decided and started. It was therefore proposed that the first Call will contain three
themes (barley and forage grasses as well as fruits/berries). Pros and cons on
possibility for extending PPP to 2014 were discussed. AO expressed concerns
regarding projects possibility to achieve progress in pre-breeding in such a short time.
It was decided to keep time frame to 2011-2013, stating that project proposals should
be able to operate with long term projects having clear measurable intermediate
results after 1st phase. It was decided to open the Call to include three themes –
barley, forages and fruit/berries.
Regarding evaluation of incoming proposals, it was decided to split this in a scientific
external evaluation, and an evaluation of relevance. Proposal for procedure for the
evaluation is to be presented from secretariat for next meeting. Evaluation for
relevance will be done by SC.
It was further decided to circulate a revised Call text to SC for approval.

11 Next meeting
Short telephone meeting 7th November at 13.00. Secretariat will send out instructions.
Purpose: Note presented project proposals and decide on evaluation procedures.
Next meeting 14th December at 10.00 at NordGen in Alnarp
Purpose: Decide on projects to be funded and further matters of SC.

12 Any other business

a. MR informed that Estonian ministry of agriculture has allocated money for Estonia to participate in PPP collaboration. The funding is expected to match similar contribution from Estonian plant breeding. The plant breeding entities have been informed on this and to the extend it may be useful for the projects, they are urged to contact Mati Koppel, Jõgeva or Külli Annamaa, Estonian national program for plant genetic resources.

b. MR asked SC whether PPP should have a web page for information exchange, and a proposal for this should be developed. It was decided that a proposal should be developed for meeting 14th December and decision taken at this meeting.

Morten Rasmussen, 2011-10-20

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