

Oil and Protein Crops Network

Working Group: Grain Legumes.

The **Oil and Protein Crops Network Coordinating Group** consisted of four members: Mike Ambrose, United Kingdom (Network Coordinator); Siyka Angelova, Bulgaria; Andrea Carboni, Italy; and Gérard Duc, France.

The **ECPGR project for urgent regeneration and safety-duplication activities**, funded by the Global Crop Diversity Trust, started its operation in 2009. In the case of grain legumes, six countries (Albania, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary and Portugal) were involved in the regeneration of chickpea, common bean, cowpea, faba bean, grasspea and lentil. Out of the 1255 grain legume accessions that are expected to be regenerated with support of the project, 691 (55%) have been grown and have completed their cycle during 2009. Of these, 414 accessions (60%) were successfully regenerated. These represent 33% of the total expected in the two-year project. The rate of successful regeneration of grain legumes was particularly low in the case of cowpea and faba bean due to low germination or insufficient yield.

The Oil and Protein Network submitted three **proposals for funding to the AEGIS Grant Scheme**. These were prepared by partners from Azerbaijan (food legumes), Czech Republic (pea) and Ukraine (sunflower).

The **ECPGR *Glycine* database**, maintained by the N.I. Vavilov Research Institute of Plant Industry (VIR), St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, has been searchable online since April 2009 at:

http://www.vir.nw.ru/glycine/euro_gi.htm

The report of a Working Group on Grain Legumes, Fourth Meeting, 16-17 November 2007, Lisbon, Portugal, was published on-line as a draft in 2009 and finalized in 2010, and is available at:

http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/workgroups/grain_legumes/Grain_Legumes_Lisbon_2007_FINAL.pdf

Outlook for 2010: activities planned by the Network include the Fifth Meeting of the Grain Legumes Working Group in Antalya, Turkey on 22-23 April 2010, including the *ad hoc* meeting of the Grain Legume Database Managers.