

Justification of a non prioritization concept of the Fruit Working Group Network (FWGN) work plan

As the problematic encountered by each Fruit WG are quite common, the FWGN is building a strong collaboration between their different components with the view to work more and more in concert and to share experiences and methodology tools. Several meetings are planned where *Vitis*, *Prunus* and *Malus/Pyrus* WG members and/or experts are co-actors of actions: e.g. Ad Hoc Meetings on Harmonization of the four Databases, implementation of common methodologies concerning *a*. The management of the recurrent problem of synonyms, *b*. The concept of “Preferable Names” and “Euonym”, *c*. The “Country of Historic origin”, *d*. The traceability of the material and the link with bibliographic references of the cultivars encoded as accessions in the Fruit Databases, *e*. The definition of common rules for the inclusions of molecular markers data and fruit photographs in the DB’s and also *f*. The building of strategies for a safe duplication of the original material by sharing our responsibilities.

This way of work in parallel with the own WG activities is regarded as very fruitful and the work plan project presented want clearly to continue to develop such synergies. The group wants also to keep alive the FNCG activities because of the great mutual interest to share the work and to try always to build a team that works in concert. The planned activities for the Phase **VIII** of the three WG’s are the result of close collaboration that takes into account both aspects of budget potential availability *and* efficacy of the basic task devoted to each WG, therefore we would greatly appreciate to continue to work without specific reduction of activity of one of our WG.