

1. Objectives of the Seminar- training

The objective of this Seminar & Training is to strengthen the sustainability of EURISCO and improve data completeness through the enhancement of the quality and quantity of data flowing into the Catalogue.

The Seminar, involving genebanks' documentation systems' managers, representatives from the working collections research centers of the Ministry of Agriculture and National Academy of Sciences, will provide up-to-date information to the members of the Armenian network of data providers to the National Inventory and raising awareness of the importance of plant genetic resources information activities.

Hands-on training will be provided to the Armenian National Inventory Focal Person (NFP), aiming at bringing all NFPs up to the same level of development and knowledge.

2. Goals

The increased demand for technical support to people in charge of managing and sharing biodiversity data at national, regional and global level comes as an opportunity for Bioversity International to strength its leading technical and scientific role in the field of bio-informatics.

This seminar & training will have the goals to:

- Identify and define support needed for the further development of the NI
- Discuss and identify ways to increase the availability of NI to EURISCO
- Set a work plan for NI update and upload to EURISCO
- Identify the type of support needed to carry out data sharing
- Discuss and identify ways to establish collaboration mechanism between collection holders to improve data sharing

AGENDA

DAY 1 - Agrarian University

09:00– 09:30	Welcome and introductions	
09:30 - 10:30	Meeting with the NFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EURISCO NI status • Development of the NI • Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data quality and completeness ○ Data quality - tools for taxonomy and GIS checks ○ New descriptors – MLS, SMTA and AEGIS 	S. Dias, Bioversity International
10:30 -11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:00 -13:00	Meeting with the NFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EURISCO upload mechanism ○ Data exchange - (options for data harvesting and standard exchanging formats) • Global initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ALIS ○ GRIN-Global 	S .Dias, Bioversity International
13:00 -14:00	Lunch	
14:00 -16:00	Genebank visit and meeting with the NFP and other documentation specialists	

DAY 2 - Agrarian University

09:00 – 9:15	Opening session Welcome by the Pro-Rector of Armenian State Agrarian University	
09:15 – 9:30	Welcome and introductions of objectives and the philosophy of the Seminar - Expected outcome	Alvina Avagyan, Session chair
09:30 -10:30	EURISCO - today and tomorrow's European PGR information hub for plant conservation	S. Dias Bioversity International
10:30 –11:15	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:15– 12:00	Armenian National Inventory	Marina Hovhanisyan
12:00 - 13:00	Discussions	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 14:20	Gene bank collection	Gayane Melyan, Genebank manager
14:20 - 14:40	Seed collection of the Laboratory of plant gene pool and breeding	Margarita Harutyunyan
14:40 - 15:00	Seed collection of Scientific Center of Vegetables and Industrial crops	Karine Sarikyan
15:00-15:30	Discussion	
15.30-16.00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-16:45	EURISCO Website demonstration and Global Initiatives -ALIS and Grin-Global.	S. Dias, Bioversity International
16:45-17:30	Discussion and conclusions.	

