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Coordinating Organic plant Breeding Activities for Diversity

WP5

AIAB, Italy



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WP5 Dissemination and Networking

Objectives:

1. *To make sure that COBRA is intensely linked with:*
 - *Relevant research projects*
 - *Current breeding initiatives*
 - *Existing networks of organic farmers or initiatives*

2. *To coordinate the knowledge transfer activities*





WEB PAGE

www.cobra-div.eu

It was the main tool that we used to reach the objective of this WP

- The website contains general information about the project, the list of partners, their locations, project aims, objectives and workpackages
- The website was the space to post all information related to the WP5 activities. (training opportunities, field days and news sections)
- Links to connected projects and initiatives websites
- Links to partners websites
- Photos of field trials and field days

WE HAD SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE WEBSITE THESE DAYS BUT IT WILL BE REACTIVATED SOON. APPARENTLY WE PUT TOO MUCH DATA ON IT: **IT MEANS THAT IT WORKS!!**



A Facebook page

Has been opened in addition to the website with the aim to spread to a wider public the news about the project

It was promptly updated with the information provided by partners by e-mail.

It create connection with other project initiatives

And give the possibility for people using facebook to easy "share" news and events that are of their interest.



Linking COBRA to other initiatives: the NEWSLETTER

A common newsletter has been created to exchange information:

All the partners gave their contribution to the newsletter, coordinated by Miriam Barletta from AIAB.

5 newsletters have been done during the project lifespan (Aug 2014, Nov 2014, Feb 2015, May 2015, Aug 2015) in December there will be the last one if you have news you want to share please write to m.barletta@aiab.it

and they reached around 90 people:

- All project partners
- people from other projects on organic breeding
- individual interested people that could subscribe it from the website



NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was organized in the following way:

- An editorial written by the wp leader (starting with Robbie Girling WP0 to Jorg Peter WP3)
 - 6-7 news on:
 - Coming events
 - Field days reports*
 - Training opportunities*
 - Report on experimental activities*

Each report published in the newsletter is available on the website in chronological order and by country.



KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

...I would prefer KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE!!

Tools to be used in COBRA:

- *A dedicated training programme*
- *An International Conference*
- *Field days organized by partners in each country*
- *2 stakeholders workshops (one on cereals and one on grain legumes) – stakeholder target*
- *A public web page - which target?*



Training Programme

formal and informal training opportunities in COBRA have been published on COBRA website.

www.cobra-div.eu

Just 4 partners gave input on this

BOKU – Austria

ITAB – France

Humboldt University - Germany

AARI – Turkey

Was that a good tool? Do you had any positive feedback?



INTERNATIONAL CONGRES

DIVERSITY STRATEGIE

for organic and low input agriculture
and their food system

7th•9th July 2014

Nantes (France) | Onir
Site de la Géraudière

Strategies for Organic and Low-Input Integrated Breeding and Management

BOOK of ABSTRACTS



International Conference

Joint with SOLIBAM final
conference

in France

Nantes 7-9 July 2014



FIELD DAYS

They have several objectives at local level:

- Project presentation to local authorities
- Local networking on organic plant breeding
- Training for farmers, breeders, students and external researchers

2013 : 5 field days

2014 : 11 field days

2015: 9 field days

Total of 25 field days in the whole project have been communicated through the website.



Reinvigorating Seeds and Breeds for a More Organic World

Pre-Conference event for: 18th IFOAM ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS
"BUILDING ORGANIC BRIDGES"

Globally we face a common challenge today in preserving biodiversity, even in the organic community. Climate change and decreasing commercial options for seeds and livestock breeds have increased the vulnerability of our agricultural systems, and highlighted the need for creative, regionally appropriate methods for seed banking, participatory breeding, and other initiatives to revitalize global biodiversity.

This day-long workshop will offer a unique opportunity to bring together farmers, NGOs, breeders and members of the agricultural community to discuss strategies, generate discussion, and highlight innovative participatory approaches for ensuring regionally-adapted seeds and breeds for organic agriculture.

For more information contact the event assistant: Sally Lee, sallyylee@gmail.com
Or visit the IFOAM Organic World Conference website for pre-conference events:
http://www.owc2014.org/?lang=en&page=pre_conferences

Agenda:

9:00	Welcome – Meeting goals
9:30	Situation in USA (RAFI) – Situation in Europe (SOLIBAM/COBRA teams) – IFOAM Position Paper on The Use of Organic Seed and Plant
10:15	Brief roundtable for other continents of what is working for participatory plant and animal breeding and informal seed systems
11:00	Coffee/tea
11:20	Discussions what are the biggest challenges, on solutions and opportunities by topic, region or sector
12:30	Lunch
13:45	Organization of the groups
14:00	Discussions within groups at least two main topics: (1) how best to avoid plant and animal patents in organic? (2) how to sustain participatory research?
15:30	Report back and general discussion. Priority/setting
16:30	Coffee/tea and light refreshments
17:00	Next steps and meeting evaluation
18:00	End of the meeting



Stakeholders workshops

Cereals workshop

Istanbul in October 2014

pre conference of IFOAM OWC

+ events at national level

Es. Filigrane (Italy October 2015)

Grain Legume

Denmark in November 2015

During the final conference



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Thanks



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