

Genetic Resources of Allium species in 1982 and 1983

1. Introduction

At the meeting of the Allium Resources Working Group in Wellesbourne (NVRs) on February 25 and 26, 1982, an ad hoc group, consisting of Dr. Andrasfalvi, Dr. Astley and Ir. van der Meer (chairman), was asked to draw up proposals to initiate collecting activities. These proposals to form the basis of a document to be sent to Dr. de Bakker.

Regretfully no answer was received from Dr. Andrasfalvi, neither to the letter of April 14 nor to the one of July 27.

2. Activities in 1982

2.1 Contacting European Onion Workers.

The IBPGR report on Allium was sent to (public) onion breeders all over Europe (see: list of European Workers) together with a request to propose collection of Allium in their own country and to calculate the financial consequences of such collection work (July 27).

Reactions were received from: France, G.D.R., Italy and U.K. (see copies). The respondents are told that their information will be used for further collection work as soon as possible.

2.2 Collection in the Nordic Countries.

After discussing the subject on September 7 Dr. Kjellqvist, Director of the Nordic Gene Bank, has taken responsibility for coordinating collection in the Nordic Countries (see copy)

2.3 Collection in the Netherlands.

Collection in the Netherlands is done as a consultant job, financed by E.C.P. This job started early October 1982. Finishing is expected by the end of January 1983. The work is going on properly.

2.4 Collection in Greece.

On a trip back from Egypt an IBPGR-sponsored visit was paid to Gastouni (see copies).

3. Activities in 1983

3.1 Collection in European countries

Collection in the Netherland will be completed within the scope of the consultant job mentioned under 2.3.

It is expected that collection will go on in the Nordic countries.

A proposal for collection in Greece could be realized.

France and U.K. (+Ireland) obviously are ready to start (see copies, mentioned under 2.1). Realization could be tried in 1983.

Other interesting countries in respect of Allium genetic resources are undoubtedly Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia and Turkey. Preparations could be made in 1983.

The Gene Bank in Braunschweig could be asked to take responsibility for collecting in the F.D.R.

The work in Belgium could be done by the IVT.

Special attention should be paid to Eastern Europe. If Andrasfalvi is not allowed taking care of coordinating the work, someone else could be asked, e.g. Dr. Lehmann.

3.2 Funds

Possibilities for obtaining financial support from E.C. for collecting in E.C. countries will be investigated by van der Meer.

Dr. de Bakker and Ir. van Sloten will know the possibilities of financial support from E.C.P. and IBPGR respectively.

3.3 The consultant job in the Netherlands

A report on collection in the Netherlands could be ready early February 1983.

3.4 Meeting of the Allium Resources Working Group

A meeting, in e.g. early February 1983, seems to be very useful. Some items to be discussed are:

- A collection-program for 1983 and 1984
- Funds for the realization of such a program
- The report on collection in the Netherlands
- Extending the collection work to other continents

- Corrections and/or improvements of the Allium Gene Bank methods and/or techniques.

The suggested meeting could be held at the IVT.

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