

**10th GERMPLASM & BREEDING AND 7th MOLECULAR BIOLOGY WORKSHOP
MACEIO, BRAZIL
15 - 20 MAY 2011**

**SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF BREEDING AND
GERMPLASM SECTION**

The Breeding and Germplasm Section Business Meeting was held at 4.00 pm on Friday 20 May, 2011. Members of the Committee present at the Workshop and the business meeting were: Dr. Anna Hale, USDA, USA; Dr. Phil Jackson, CSIRO, Australia, Dr. Deng Haihua, China; Dr. Kishore Randoyal, could not attend the Workshop. A total of 38 participants from different countries were present. Dr. Raúl O. Castillo, Chairman of the Section, opened the discussions. The main suggestions and conclusions were:

1. There was a suggestion to hyperlink both the India and Florida ISSCT World Collections from the ISSCT web site. Additionally, the participants suggested that the list of clones in the Indian collection needs to be accessible on the web. Dr. Nair agreed to have this information placed on the web as soon as possible because requests for germplasm from India need to be made in June. Requests should be sent by email to director@sugarcane.res.in in June for shipment in October. There are plans for fingerprinting the entire Indian collection and hopefully catalogues will include it. All catalogues and inquiries regarding the collection should be requested to Dr. Nair.
2. There were suggestions about putting information from all breeding programmes on the ISSCT website. Dr. G. Rossi will have further discussions with the Committee and the ISSCT Executive to start using the variety notes information and update it every year. There were different views about whether information about germplasm and varieties should be accessible publicly or just to ISSCT members. The prevailing view was that only ISSCT members should be allowed access. An idea was raised about ISSCT providing some kind of registration system for varieties under the ISSCT web page. Further information and suggestions will come from members from Reunion and CIRAD.
3. Dr. G. Rossi suggested placing old ISSCT breeders' newsletters on the ISSCT web site. Dr. Anna Hale offered to arrange to have the documents scanned. A suggestion was made to have the ISSCT proceedings currently on the Member's Corner of the ISSCT website searchable (by author, topic, etc...).
4. Several divergent views about whether the Breeding and Molecular Biology workshops should continue in a combined format were presented during the meeting. A vote indicated a majority in favour of a joint workshop. The Reunion Breeding Programme agreed to host the next Breeding and Germplasm workshop, with Argentina as a second option.

Finally, a list of breeders was proposed to be members of the Germplasm and Breeding Committee: María I. Cuenya, Estación Obispo Colombo, Argentina; Hermann Hoffman, RIDESA, Brazil; Roy Parfitt, BSES, Australia; Mike Butterfield, Monsanto, Brazil; Guilherme Rossi, Consultant, Brazil; Héctor Orozco, CENGICAÑA, Guatemala; Edison Silva, CINCAE, Ecuador. Current members are: Anna Hale, USA; Raul O. Castillo, Ecuador, Phillip Jackson, Australia; Deng Haihua, China; Kishore Randoyal, Mauritius.