with some extra PGR documentation issues

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content of the presentation

- genetic diversity
 - definition
 - history
 - value of genetic resources
 - conservation strategies
- CGN
 - reason to exist
 - collections
 - activities
 - extra focus on documentation





- definition of genetic resources in Convention on Biological Diversity
 - material of plant, animal, microbial or other origin containing functional units of heredity that is of actual or potential value
 - for food, fiber, shelter, timber, herbal medicines and draught animals



- timeline
 - big bang
 - earth
 - life
 - plants
 - flowering plants
 - agriculture
 - scientific plantbreeding
 - genebanks

13,700,000,000 year ago 4,570,000,000 year ago 3,700,000,000 year ago 425,000,000 year ago 220,000,000 year ago 10,000 year ago 150 year ago 50 year ago









- crop plant genetic diversity in historical context
 - farmers have been domesticating crops since c. 10,000 years
 - selection adapted phenotypes from wild populations
 - in `centers of origin'
 - result: landraces









• Vaviliov's centres of origin







- crop plant genetic diversity in historical context
 - since c. 1850 crop genetic diversity disappears due to monocultures and habitat destruction
 - scientific plant breeding based on Mendel and de Vries
 - urbanization, desertification, climate change
 - result: genetic erosion







food crop diversity narrowing

- species diversity
 - 7000 species ever used as food 1200 species important on a national scale - 150 entered into world commerce
 - nowadays three cereal species responsible for 55% of food energy supply
 - rice, wheat, maize
- loss of genetic diversity
 - between species, within species, at ecosystem level
 - genes, gene complexes, traits, varieties
 - indigenous knowledge and bio-cultural heritage





- the importance of genetic diversity is increasing dramatically
 - increased farmers and consumers demands
 - global population growth
 - climate change







- genetic diversity needs to be conserved and made available
 - ex situ in genebanks
 - *in situ* in nature reserves
 - *on-farm* in 'traditional' farming systems







- Centre for Genetic Resources, The Netherlands (CGN)
 - crop GR programme established in 1985
 - reasons
 - strategic: guaranteed access to resources
 - contribution to international networks
 - legal: NL signatory to international agreements
 - CBD and IT-PGRFA
 - ethical: NL industry net user of diversity
 - biological: germplasm adapted to NL
 - technical: control over quality
 - since 1999/2002 also mandate for animal/forestry GR



collections

- 28 crops
 - depends on definition
- 22519 accessions
 - varieties, landraces and wild populations
 - focus on vegetable crops and potato
 - new collections of neglected species added
 - lamb's lettuce, chives, carrot, asparagus, Scorzonera, parsnip
 - focus on small numbers of high quality







collection sizes

- lettuce 2363
- potato 1438
- tomato 1309
- onion 417
- spinach 387
- pepper 1010
- cucumber 937
- brassicas 1970 TOTAL

(15 November 2012)

• wheat	4911
 barley 	2665
• flax	952
• peas	1002
• other crops	3158

• TOTAL 22519





- quality management
 - entire genebank is ISO9001:2000 certified
 - now: ISO9001:2008
- all material is always available
 - only with Standard Material Transfer Agreement of International Treaty (SMTA)
 - yearly 5000-8000 distributed samples







- storage conditions:
 - -20 °C
 - 3-7% moisture content
- minimum germination requirements for seed storage:
 - cvs and landraces: 80%
 - wild species: 60%
- monitoring germination







regeneration

• in collaboration with breeding companies



self-fertilizing crop: barley

cross-fertilizing crops: potato, clover











characterisation and evaluation

- characterization
 - taxonomical
 - easy to describe
 - independent of environment
- evaluation
 - resistance for diseases & pests
 - biochemical, molecular, physiological measurements
- C&E in cooperation with breeding companies and in the context of national or international (EU) programmes





- documentation
 - Oracle DBMS
 - all information is on-line accessible
 - material can be requested on-line
 - SMTA via click-wrap
 - <u>www.cgn.wur.nl</u>





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- we allow the user to enter a 'maximum number of accessions to be retrieved
 - say 10
- resulting in a core selection
 - in this case 10 very diverse accessions of yellow butterhead lettuce with good data



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	CGN05246	Lactuca sativa group Butterhead Lettuce	Stenhuved	Denmark	yes	
	CGN04605	Lactuca sativa group Butterhead Lettuce	Grosse Blonde d'Hiver Bourguignonne	France	yes	
	CGN11433	Lactuca sativa group Butterhead Lettuce	Bourguignonne 9B; Grosse Blonde d'Hiver	France	yes	
	CGN05972	Lactuca sativa group Butterhead Lettuce	Rudolfs Liebling	Germany	yes	
	CGN04529	Lactuca sativa group Butterhead Lettuce	Blondine; Victoria	Netherlands	yes	
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European PGR documentation landscape







- CGN's role in PGR documentation
 - state of the art CGN documentation system
 - Oracle DBMS
 - bar-coding
 - innovative CGN web site
 - searchable & downloadable passport and C&E data
 - core selector
 - click-wrap paper-free SMTA handling
 - prominent role in international initiatives
 - ECPGR documentation & information network
 - EURISCO
 - GeneSys



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