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Meeting Minutes: Strategy Committee – 01/23/2015

Meeting Participants

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Meeting Objectives

1. 2015 proposed must-win:
 - 1.1. Engaging more decision makers in key universities and agencies.
 - 1.2. Dedicated communication/engagement “campaign” in EU, Latin America, and Australasia.
 - 1.3. Ensure a minimum of data upload into Oat Global from all regions.
2. Proposal for an annual face-to-face meeting of the Strategy Committee + guests/key stakeholders.
3. Update on database (plus genotyping discussions) and rust markers initiatives.
4. AOB

Discussions and Resolutions

2015 proposed must-win

The following three objectives were discussed as follows.

Engaging more decision makers in key universities and agencies

UC Davis, Washington State, U of M as examples. Follow-up with everyone by email to make a list of organizations and people, then request that everyone takes the responsibility of connecting with specific individuals for engagement.

Nick reports that directory of researchers used to exist in GrainGenes but it has not been maintained lately: we should discuss on the call with Gerry Lazo. Nick will circulate the old database.

Dedicated communication/engagement “campaign” in EU, Latin America, and Australasia

EU

November meeting in Birmingham could be the right platform. Catherine will lead in this direction.



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Latin America

Gabe will attend Brazilian meeting this year, the Luiz will carry on the engagement with his colleagues throughout the year.

Australasia

To be discussed with Pamela individually.

Ensure a minimum of data upload into Oat Global from all regions

We should reach out more informally via Clare on one-on-one interactions as it was done in the Wheat/Barley T-CAP community. She could start by offering help to understand how to access the CORE data. Clare to contact Pamela, Catherine, Luiz, and Nick to get a list of people to contact.

Proposal for an annual face-to-face meeting of the Strategy Committee + guests/key stakeholders

- Gabe proposes an annual meeting for strategy, initiatives, and stakeholder management.
- Nick mentions the challenge for travel. It would be easier for him to travel if the meeting were connected to a scientific meeting. Sponsorship from someone non-commercial could make it easier.
- Option: UK conference in Nov 2015 in Birmingham, IOWC in 2016, AOWC in 2018, Annual Brazilian Oat Meeting (Feb/Mar).
- Alternative is to have meetings based on specific needs.
- Discussion to be continued via email with other members of the group.

Update on database (plus genotyping discussions) and rust markers initiatives

Gabe described the developing initiative on genotyping oat lines for the breeders that Jeanluc Jannink is proposing and is being elaborated more.

CORE phenotypic data is curated and uploaded. GBS data will also be uploaded. Spring and Winter Uniform Oat Nursery is being uploaded as well.

Gabe and Ben described the steps and status to get funding for the proposal from Kathy Klos. Ben encourages everyone to support the idea with POGA. We are trying to get POGA to vote in between board meetings in order to secure a vote before the rust February meetings.

Rust meeting in Minnesota in February: need to connect output to other regions to ensure synergy.