# **Allium Working Group (AWG)**



Allium Working Group (AWG) was established in 1982 during the first Phase of ECPGR

# **Meetings**

The AWG has had 12 meetings during its 40 years of existence

- seven regular,
- two ad hoc
- three meetings via the Vegetables Network (VEGNET) of (ECPGR)



Regular meeting	Country	Town	Date	
ECPGR Allium Working Group - 1st	United	Wellesbourne,	26.02.1982-27.02.1982	
meeting	Kingdom	Warwickshire	20.02.1902-27.02.1962	
ECPGR <i>Allium</i> Working Group - 2nd meeting	Hungary	Tapioszele	30.05.1984-01.06.1984	
ECPGR <i>Allium</i> Working Group - 3rd	United	Wellesbourne,		
meeting	Kingdom	Warwickshire	06.09.1988-09.09.1988	
ECPGR Allium Working Group - 4th	Germany	Gatersleben	11.06.1991-15.06.1991	
meeting	Germany	Gatersieben	11.00.1991-15.00.1991	
ECPGR Allium Working Group - 5th	Poland	Skierniewice	26.05.1995-28.05.1995	
meeting	Folariu	Skierniewice	20.03.1993-20.03.1993	
ECPGR Allium Working Group - 6th	Bulgaria	Plovdiv	24.10.1997-26.10.1997	
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ECPGR Allium Working Group - 7th	Greece	Perea,	06.09.2011-08.09.2011	
meeting	Orcece	Thessaloniki	00.03.2011-00.03.2011	
ECPGR Allium Working Group - 8th			11.10.2022-12.10.2022	
meeting	Poland	Skierniewice	11.10.2022 12.10.2022	

Ad hoc meeting			
ECPGR ad hoc meeting on	Cormony	Gatersleben	22.05.2001-23.05.2001
vegetatively propagated Allium	Germany	Galersieberr	22.03.2001-23.03.2001
Allium and Brassica ad hoc	Czech	Drogue	21.01.2006-22.01.2006
meeting (AEGIS)	Republic	Prague	21.01.2000-22.01.2000
Meeting of the ECPGR			
Vegetables Network			
The First Meeting of the ECPGR			
Vegetables Network, Joint			
Meeting with an ad hoc group on			
Leafy Vegetables	Poland	Skierniewice	22-24 May 2003
The Second Meeting of the	Czech		
Vegetables Network		Olomouc	
(VEGNET)of (ECPGR)	Republic		26-28 June 2007

Catania

10-12 November 2009.

Italy



Dr. Dave Astley - 1982 – 2011

Dr. Joachim Keller - 2012- 2014

Dr. Helena Stavělíková - 2015

The Third Meeting of the ECPGR

Vegetables Network

## In this time AWG has 64 members from 35 countries - in

# positions:

Genebank Curator - 20

Crop specialist - 26

Information/Documentation - 10

Plant breeder - 10

Policy and law - 7

other expertise – 4

Contact persons - 8



## From 2011 AWG has many new members on the basis

- new rules for nomination of member WG by National Coordinator (NC),
- regular rotation
- "change "generation





# Milestones of AWG's work since the last regular meeting



#### 2013 -

The European Allium Database has been upgraded into a database which is searchable online by database manager Markus Oppermann at IPK, Gatersleben.

# **May 2015**

The *Allium* Working Group agreed on their crop-specific standards for field genebanks

#### December 2016 –

The project on "Safeguarding of potato onion (*Allium cepa* L. Aggregatum group) and garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) crop diversity in North Europe - Baltic region", submitted by the *Allium* Working Group for funding under the Fourth Call of the ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme, was selected by the Executive Committee.

#### 2017

prepering Crop-specific genebank standards for in vitro



## **July 2017**

The first SafeAlliDiv project meeting was held 11-12 July 2017 in Tallinn Estonia.

# August 2017

The *Allium* Working Group agreed on their crop-specific standards for *in vitro* culture and cryopreservation

## **April 2018**

The second SafeAlliDiv project meeting was held 17-18 April 2018 in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

#### January 2020

Safeguarding of potato onion (*Allium cepa* L. Aggregatum group) and garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) crop diversity in North Europe – Baltic region (SafeAlliDiv): the Final Activity Report (June 2017–June 2019) and related data are now available online



## **May 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting, originally planned for 26-27 May 2020 in Skierniewce. Poland, was cancelled.

#### October 2020

The SafeAlliDiv published in International Journal International Journal Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution the article: Genetic characterization of European potato onion (*Allium cepa* var Aggregatum G. Don) collections as the result of project

#### October 2022

The *Allium* Working Group will prepare meeting from 10 to 14 October 2022 in Skierniewice, Poland.

# **Database**



#### 1984

Within ECPGR, the Allium database (EALLDB) was established

#### 2007

The EALLDB was last updated in support of the EU GENRES EURALLIVEG project.

The EALLDB 2007 database contains 14 194 accessions representing 550 species from 43 institutions in 29 countries.

#### 2013 -

The database is maintained by Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research Gatersleben (IPK).

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# Information from EURISCO (The European Search Catalogue for Plant Genetic Resources) about the genus Allium:

14 021 acc. of Allium are in EURISCO

32 countries hold germplasm of Allium

412 species of genus Allium are in EURISCO

Country	Accessions	Country	Accessions
Albania	17	Italy	185
Armenia	57	Latvia	126
Austria	28	Lithuania	8
<u>Azerbaijan</u>	46	Macedonia FYR	64
Belgium	59	Netherlands	432
Bulgaria	974	Nordic Countries	428
Croatia	79	Poland	1 690
Czech	817	Portugal	560
Republic			
Estonia	8	Romania	223
France	151	Russian	14
		Federation	
Georgia	3	Slovakia	5
<b>Germany</b>	2 622	Slovenia	126
Greece	115	Spain	1 754
Hungary	698	Switzerland	50
Ireland	1	Ukraine	227
Israel	170	United Kingdom	2 284
		Total	14 021

Species	Num.Acc.
ALLIUM CEPA	5738
ALLIUM SATIVUM	3218
ALLIUM AMPELOPRASUM	638
ALLIUM PORRUM	592
ALLIUM FISTULOSUM	445
ALLIUM SCHOENOPRASUM	298
ALLIUM HIEROCHUNTINUM	138
ALLIUM TUBEROSUM	99
ALLIUM ROTUNDUM	83
ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALON	74

# 1 246 acc. of *Allium* are in A European Genebank Integrated System (AEGIS)

Species	Acc. Country
Allium altaicum	3Germany (3)
Allium altyncolicum	4Germany (4)
Allium ampeloprasum	151Bulgaria (2), Germany (86), Netherlands (19), United Kingdom
тини випропортивовии	(44)
Allium angulosum	2Germany (2)
Allium carolinianum	6Germany (4)
Allium cepa	429Germany (241), Netherlands (77), Nordic Countries (24),
тин сори	United Kingdom (87)
Allium cepa x fistulos	1United Kingdom (1)
Allium cernuum	9Germany (9)
Allium fistulosum	78Germany (66), Nordic Countries (3), United Kingdom (9)
Allium hymenorrhizum	1Germany (1)
Allium karelinii	1Germany (1)
Allium kermesinum	1Germany (1)
Allium lusitanicum	2Germany (2)
Allium nutans	8Germany (8)
Allium oschaninii	6Germany (6)
Allium porrum	74Netherlands (37), Nordic Countries (37)
Allium ramosum	6Germany (6)
Allium roylei	1Germany (1)
Allium sativum	341 Czech Republic (82), Germany (259)
Allium schergianum	1Netherlands (1)
Allium schoenoprasum	81 Germany (30), Netherlands (10), Nordic Countries (41)
Allium scorodoprasum	3Germany (2), Netherlands (1)
Allium sphaerocephalon	3Netherlands (3)
Allium tuberosum	26Germany (25), Netherlands (1)
Allium ursinum	6Germany (6)
Allium vavilovii x cepa	2Netherlands (2)
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