

Expert Consultation and Video Conference

Development of Thematic Networks in the CEE Region Based on State of the Art Agricultural Information Standards & Tools

19-21 July 2006, FAO SEUR Premises, 34 Benczur utca Budapest, Hungary

AgroWeb CEE Network has been acknowledged as a centrepiece for Web based communication in the CEE region since 1998. It has contributed to the localisation of FAO WAICENT outreach programme by:

- strengthening partnerships and participation, building horizontal and vertical links as well as shared ownership among communities and organisations,
- strengthening the capacity of organisations and people to provide and get access to information in more appropriate ways,
- improving effective communication among partners involved in the capacity building process.

During the evolution of the AgroWeb, thematic networks have been launched by the request of participating professional organisations and experts. These thematic networks are sometimes also called sub-portals. Network coordinators together with their own web experts and IT developers have been successfully developing and operating several thematic networks separately, however, there was no opportunity until now, that most hard working network coordinators meet up for a joint session, where they can share their views, exchange experiences and discuss new initiatives.

Well established network coordinators such as the Veterinary (Centaur), Education (AgroEdu), Animal Genetics (AnGR); new network candidates like the AfroWeb (AfricaInfo CEE Initiative) and FAO SEUR information management specialist will work together during the three days of the proposed expert consultation to consult further collaboration with each other and with FAO experts from GIL.

Preliminary agenda

19 July 2006, Wednesday

Opening and approving the work agenda.

Presentation:

Ongoing information activities in the CEE region. Michal Demes, Laszlo Papocsi

Localization of information and building expert networks. Michal Demes

New AgroWeb service recommendations, the Hungarian Example. Laszlo Papocsi

CEE depository library network development, logistics, web and administrative support. Michal Demes

Information management survey by online questionnaires. Laszlo Papocsi

Discussion:

- The use of standard solutions to facilitate more effective information management.
- EU member states' project experiences, collaboration and harmonisation strategies with the FAO.

20 July 2006, Thursday

Presentation:

AgroEdu Network:

AgroEdu Network development in collaboration with Eastern Europe Centre. Cosmin Salasan, Tomaz Bartol

Providing contact database (as tool) for Higher Education Institutions transversal to AW and host it within AW Edu in bridging Agroedu.net and AW Edu. Cosmin Salasan, Tomaz Bartol

CENTAUR Veterinary Network:

Distance learning experiences and lessons learned. Development in collaboration with AgroEdu Network. Karel Hruska

Discussion:

- Implementation and testing exercise, IT solutions, use of CMS, exchange of views and best practises.

Video Conference:

Main recommended topics for discussions:

- AgroEdu activities and its relationship with expert networks and IMARK initiative
- Introducing AfroWeb initiative and WFD celebration
- FAO-EU common project experiences and perspectives
- AGROVOC (web services, available languages, regionalisation)

21 July 2006, Friday**Presentation:**

Animal Genetics Network:

ERFP CEE Network Development Program - the 2nd AnGR PHOTO CONTEST – 2006. Ekaterine Tsurtsunia

Discussion and workshop:

- Web based implementation of ideas and recommendations
- Follow up activities, proposals
- Preparing the minutes of the meeting
- Summary, wrap-up

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