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Wrap-up of Working Group of Fertilization and Irrigation
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Core direction group

- ❖ Janjo De Haan NL steering
- ❖ Giorgio Gianquinto IT steering
- ❖ Phillip Davis UK or colleague
- ❖ Dolors Roca SP
- ❖ Antje Fiebig GE
- ❖ Carlos Baixauli SP steering
- ❖ Vanni Tisselli IT
- ❖ Francois Lecompte FR (INRA)
- ❖ Angelo Signore (IT/BE)
- ❖ Joris De Nies (BE)
- ❖ Rodney Thompson (SP) steering, coordination

What can we achieve in this WG?

- WG is a forum where we can identify and locate others with similar or complementary interests.
- A primary objective for participating in WG is to enter into “projects”: EU, regional, national
- Within WG, project consortia or sub-groups of people with shared interests can be formed
- Forum to share and discuss information e.g issues with sensors, recommendation systems
- Identify gaps that need attention
- Define research agenda is important to create new research opportunities
- Workshop
 - Discussed subsequently
 - WG members to select the topics of the workshop
- Possible interaction with other WGs
 - Genetics
 - Disease

Making this WG more effective

- Workload to be **shared**, with steering committee members
- **More participation/activity from members!!!**
- Starting as soon as possible!!!
- **It is fundamental that we all provide information on what we do and what we would like to do; the Excel database is fundamental for this**
- Everybody should fill in the Excel database (maximum 3 rows per person)
- Comments on Excel database:
 - Searchable database (DB) not possible, but a DB with all information in one place is very useful
 - Multiple rows per person; max. of four; please try for three (or less)
 - Where only one line has been used; people can now add extra information if they wish, all members encouraged to provide an entry
 - Specific information, but not detailed. More info can be added in comments.
 - Final comments section is important, is where more detail can be added; but not please not too much

Working with MeWe

➤ Making MeWe more effective

- All posted documents have been into Documents folder, superceded documents have been removed
- Within the Documents folder, there are various sub-folders for:
 - brief CVs,
 - Relevant Calls,
 - SIRA documents,
 - EU Reports and Documents,
 - Information on Participating Institutions,
 - relevant papers
- CVs are an important complement to the data base

➤ Changes in administration of MeWe

- The MeWe account of this WG will now be a closed rather than open account; the majority of the accounts for the other WGs are closed accounts
- For new MeWe members, to join, they will have to write to Pauline Panegos at mission@areflh.org to request an invitation
- I am making Pauline and members of the steering committee administrators of this MeWe account

WG Workshop ideas

- 1) Workshop with several sessions on specific subject areas
- 2) Suggested format for each individual session: 3 minute presentation from interested people, then a guided discussion with clearly defined objectives
- 3) Suggested topics (selected from a long list)
 - Fertiliser recommendations,
 - Plant and soil and substrate test methods
 - Mineralisation of nutrients from soil OM, organic amendements and fertilisers, green manures and catch crops
 - Decision support systems: enhancing adoption
 - Sensors: soil moisture
 - Sensors: optical for nutrients
 - Management of substrate-grown crops with re-circulation
 - Crops residue management
 - Fertilisation and rotations
 - Enhancing water use efficiency
- 4) WG members to vote, to prioritise

Workshop – when? where?

- Spring 2017
- Early april; the week before Easter
- Somewhere with relatively good access for most people
- Suggestion of Mechelen
- Suggestion of Almeria
 - Organisation can be shared
 - Cajamar Foundation
 - TECNOVA
 - University of Alermia – Rod and CIAIMBITAL
 - CEIA3 (Consoortium of Universities in Andalucia with strong Agriculture programs)

EU calls

- For February 2017 is a call on organic production, has been posted on MeWe