

e-bulletin

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The 'EURISCO e-bulletin" is a series of electronic bulletins that provide feedback to National Focal Points (NFPs) and serve as a dissemination vehicle for NFPs and others to put forward their contribution regarding plant genetic resources issues/themes. In order to ensure that the EURISCO Catalogue is sustainable and meets the NFPs' and other users' needs, everyone is invited to contribute to this e-bulletin. Thematic papers, ideas, comments, suggestions and questions are all welcome.

This e-bulletin provides information on: <u>Recent and ongoing activities</u>, <u>Dissemination activities and</u> <u>News</u>, and <u>Planned meetings</u>

As announced in the previous e-bulletin (September 2011), this is a special issue announcing:

The New EURISCO website has been launched.

Click here and take a look!

Let us know what you think! Your critical views are important to us.

Please send us your website feedback and suggestions.

The EURISCO Portal has been transferred into a Content Management System (CMS)-Typo3. This option is a resource management solution since Typo3 is the platform that Bioversity uses to support its websites. While making this transfer to Typo3, the website has been revised the functionalities and search capacity upgraded, providing users with more accurate results of the taxonomy searches and ensuring that synonyms are also captured in the search. The added mechanism (filter) is based on the proposals made by van Hintum TJL, Knüpffer H, 2010.

Besides upgrading the search functionalities, some light cosmetic touches were made to the website, making it/the pages more attractive and user-friendly (decide which you want to focus on-the whole website or the pages)::

- 1. News on the homepage
- 2. Functionality to search for any word(s) or phrase that appears on the website
- 3. The implementation of a taxonomic filter means that searches will be performed on a "clean" nomenclature (based on Grin-Taxonomy) both on the Simple/advanced searches.

There is a static middle layer on the search, matching the existing genus and species in the database against the accepted genus and species in the GRIN-Taxonomy. This process will allow for the search and display of corrected taxonomy (without misspellings) and synonyms that are found within the Grin-Taxonomy Catalogue. Users will have the possibility to search

not only by scientific names but also see the synonyms, thus increasing data quality of the search results.

- 4. Possibility to enable/disable searches with synonyms
- 5. Printer friendly web pages is also available
- 6. Results displayed in selected views, from the dropdown menu
- 7. Possibility to create a custom report
- 8. Improved Passport view page with Google maps for the accession (where lat/long have been provided)
- 9. Site map
- ...

This and more is what you will find. Please <u>take a look</u> and send us your feedback and/or suggestions via the website. We value your input and suggestions.

Your contributions to the next issue (December 2011)

We would like to invite all of you to send your contribution to the next e-bulletin by 30 November 2011.

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