



U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative

MINUTES

USWBSI Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 29, 2003 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, MN

Members Present: Tom Anderson (MN Wheat Grower), Jim Bloomberg (Bayer CropScience), Pat Buschette (NAWG), Blake Cooper (BARI), Ruth Dill-Macky (Univ. of MN), Beverly Durgan (Univ. of MN), Elias Elias (ND State Univ.), Len Francl (PA State Univ.), Rich Horsley (ND State Univ.), Yue Jin (USDA-ARS, MN), Shahryar Kianian (ND State Univ.), Marcia McMullen (ND State Univ.), Brad Miller (Dakota Growers Pasta Co.), Gene Milus (Univ. of AR), Paul Murphy (NC State Univ.), Stephen Neate (ND State Univ.), Mike Pate (Midstate Mills, Inc.), Paul Schwarz (ND State Univ.), Greg Shaner (Purdue Univ.), Rick Vallery (S.D. Wheat, Inc.), Rick Ward (MI State Univ.), and Marv Zutz (MN Barley Council).

USDA-ARS-NPS ADODR: Kay Simmons

Guest: Hua-Ping Zhou (Syngenta)

Support Staff: Sue Canty, NFO/USWBSI

Meeting called to order by Tom Anderson, Co-Chair: 10:00 AM.

1. 12-7-02 SC Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 12-7-02 SC meeting. After very little discussion, the SC approved the minutes.

2. FY03 Funding Recommendation and Allocation of Funds.

Kay Simmons USDA-ARS gave an update on the FY03 allocation of funding for the USWBSI. Congress passed the FY03 Budget with rescission 06%. Congress did award an increase for FHB research in the amount of \$600,000 (minus the .06 rescission). The additional was split 50/50 between USWBSI research and ARS core programs earmarked for FHB research.

For this year only, the monies earmarked for the USWBIS were first used to pay the .06% rescission on the FY03 grants. The remaining funds were divided equally among the three genotyping labs (Fargo, Raleigh, and Manhattan). ARS also allocated its portion of the increase to the base budget of each of the three labs (earmarked for FHB research).

3. Research Areas (RA) Progress Updates (RA updates are attached).

4. FY04 Recommended Funding Process.

➤ **Research Area (RA) Program Descriptions and Research Priorities (PD-RP).**

The SC approved the following FY04 PD-RP: Epidemiology & Disease Management (EDM), Food Safety, Toxicology & Utilization (FSTU), and Germplasm Introduction and Enhancement (GIE). The RA chairs for Biotechnology (BIO), Chemical & Biological Control (CBC), and Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries (VDUN) will make changes, and then resubmit to SC for review and final approval.

➤ **RFPP Review Process.**

The SC agreed to review and approve the FY04 RFPP Application via e-mail. The NFO will incorporate changes submitted by SC members into the RFPP and distribute to the SC for final approval. The RFPP should be finalized for public distribution by mid-June.

5. Review of USWBSI Policies and Procedures (P&P).

SC agreed to review and approve the P&P via e-mail. SC members will be asked to submit any suggested changes to the NFO in order to be incorporated into the final version that will go to the SC for approval.

6. 2003 National Fusarium Head Blight Forum.

The SC approved to use the same format for the 2003 National FHB Forum as was used in the 2002 forum. The format for the 2003 National FHB Forum is as follows:

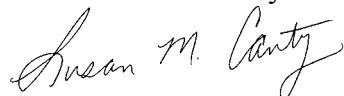
Six Research Area (RA) Sessions: Biotechnology, Chemical & Biological Control, Epidemiology & Disease Management, Food Safety, Toxicology & Utilization, Germplasm Introduction & Enhancement, and Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries. Each RA session will be comprised of the following: General Session (Speakers/Panel), Open Discussion, Poster Session.

7. Update on the 2004 International Scab Symposium.

Rick Ward, as chair of the International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the 2004 International Scab Symposium, was contacted by Dr. Thomas Miedaner, chair of the organizing committee of the 2004 European Fusarium Seminar, requesting that the IOC considering holding a "joint congress" between the USWBSI and the European Fusarium Seminar. The IOC has approved the joint symposium to be held in the U.S. in December of 2004. The USWBSI Co-chairs are recommending that the SC endorse this request. Having heard no dissent from the SC, Rick Ward in conjunction with the NFO will proceed with the preliminary planning of holding a joint symposium with the European group. The two cities being considered are Orlando, FL and New Orleans, LA. The projected dates are December 11-16, 2004.

Meeting adjourned: 4:45 PM

Minutes Recorded by:



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