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HISTORY

- 1990 - The Network was established (FAO)

- 1996 - FAO-CIHEAM agreed to cosponsor the Network

- The Network has been receiving support from different national and international institutions (INIA, IRTA)
WHY THIS NETWORK?

- Most countries in the Mediterranean region have important economic activities related to nut crop production, trade and industry.
- These activities depend on several factors which need to be integrated in order to succeed.

- Main Objective: Foster Cooperation in the R & D.
MAIN ACTIVITIES

➢ Organization of specific meetings and workshops
➢ Promotion of R+D activities and support of training grants for young researchers
➢ Edition of germplasm inventories and research lines, proceedings and reports
➢ Edition of the NUCIS-Newsletter
Proceedings of GREMPA Meetings
Edited: CIHEAM

Proceedings of International Meetings
Edited: ISHS
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EDITORIAL

Activities 2003-2004

The activities of the Nut Network have been affected by the assessment and evaluation phase of the European System of Cooperative Research Networks in Agriculture (ESPORENA). This system was established in 1974 by FAO and European research institutes, and currently consists of eleven active networks. Due to budgetary reductions, FAO is no longer in a position to provide the ESCORENA secretariat for servicing the Network nor of supporting activities. Nonetheless, most of the planned activities under the FAO-CIHEAM Inter-regional Cooperative Research Network on Nuts could be implemented through the support provided by the FAO’s Regional Office for Europe and some FAO technical services (AOPS) and financial support provided by ANA of Spain, INIA of France and the co-sponsor and patron CIHEAM permits the most planned activities to be finally developed for example the publication of this newsletter and the inventory of Nut Research and Reference. In addition, some researchers from developing or transition countries have been supported to participate in different meetings and congresses.

During 2003 and part of 2004 a number of other activities was implemented within the framework of the FAO-CIHEAM Inter-regional Cooperative Research Network on Nuts. In June 2003, the XIII EMNEMA Almond and Pistachio Meeting was held in Milmanda, Trias on Mares, Portugal and the proceedings will be published in the Options Mediterranean Center by November 2004. In June 2004, the VI
2002, due to a strong reduction in the financial support from FAO, the activity reduced considerably.

CIHEAM has continued to support the activities
STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

- Coordination Centre (Coordinator and Secretary)
- Subnetworks (Liaison officers of Working Groups)
- Two representatives of FAO and CIHEAM are also integrated in managing the Network
• **General Coordination:** Mercè Rovira (IRTA, Spain)

• **Subnetwork Coordination /Liaison Officer**
  - **Almond:**
    F. Vargas (IRTA, Spain)

  - **Chestnut:**
    G. Bounous (UNITO, Italy)

  - **Hazelnut:**
    A. İ. Köksal (Ankara Univ., Turkey)
• Subnetwork Coordination / Liaison Officer
• Pistachio:
  B.E. Ak (Sanliurfa Univ., Turkey)
• Stone Pine:
  S. Mutke (INIA, Spain)
• Walnut:
• Others: Genetic Resources / NUCIS / Pecan: Mercè Rovira (IRTA, Spain)
- Two representatives of FAO and CIHEAM:
  - FAO: Maria Kadlecikova (Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, REU) (Budapest, Hungary)
  - CIHEAM: Dunixi Gabiña (IAMZ, Zaragoza, Spain)
International Meeting on Mediterranean Stone Pine for Agroforestry (Spain, 2011)

Course of Nut Production and Economics (Spain, 2011-1012)
In preparation

- Proceedings of the XIV GREMPA Meeting on Almond and Pistachio (Options Méditerranéennes-CIHEAM)
- Proceedings of the 5th International Symposium on Pistachios and Almonds (ISHS)
- Nucis Newsletter (Issue 15)
- Inventory of Pistachio research, germplasm and references