

EPSO & EUCARPIA start collaboration

Zoltán Bedő, the president of EUCARPIA, and Karin Metzloff, Executive Director of EPSO, met on 24 November 2010 to discuss how best both organisations can collaborate in future.

Both agreed that first actions could be to offer mutually experts from the other organization as participant to working groups, workshops, conferences, and to exchange information for newsletters and web sites.

EUCARPIA offered Richard Visser and Roberto Tuberosa as first experts to the EPSO Working group meetings, which was held in Brussels February 22nd, and invited EPSO participants to their 2012 General Congress.

EUCARPIA, the European Association for Plant Breeding Research, and EPSO have common goals which both organisations can address better by strengthening their respective activities.

EPSO aims to broaden its input from plant breeders into strategic discussions and improve thereby as well the uptake of research results in breeding programmes so that finally products are taken to the market.

EUCARPIA will benefit from the plant science experts in EPSO, participation in workshops and conferences one hand, and the strategic and policy work of EPSO and its networks among science organisations in Europe and globally, European Technology Platforms, and discussions with policy makers on the other hand.