

## General Information

**EUCARPIA** aims to promote scientific and technical co-operation in the field of plant breeding in order to foster its further development.

To achieve this purpose, the Association arranges and sponsors meetings of members, to discuss general or specific problems.

EUCARPIA organizes open conferences and colloquia throughout Europe each year.

Founded in 1956, EUCARPIA, a non profit organization, can look back on considerable contributions to improving international contacts in plant breeding research for more than fifty years. Nowadays EUCARPIA is more active than ever before with more than a thousand members of various nationalities and interests.

For everyone involved in plant breeding research or practical breeding, EUCARPIA has a lot to offer:

**International Co-operation.** The Association consists of members from all over Europe and over 30 other countries worldwide. EUCARPIA initiates relationships and co-operates with other national and international organizations in fields relevant to plant breeding.

### **Exchange of Methods.**

EUCARPIA is organized in 11 sections together with several subsections and working groups. Each section is engaged in a certain field of research, or in certain groups of crops. EUCARPIA encourages its members to take part in several sections. New methods and techniques can therefore be rapidly integrated into the wider field of plant breeding.

### **Exchange of Specialized Knowledge.**

The interaction between people working in the same field of interest, or with the same crop, can contribute effectively to plant breeding. The exchange of specialized knowledge has proven to be of the greatest importance to all researchers and breeders involved.

### **Exchange of Plant Material.**

Plant breeders from all over the world, who meet in EUCARPIA working groups, help each other through the exchange of genetic material. Furthermore the Genetic Resources section has played an important role in the establishment of regional gene banks.

### **Journal Subscriptions at**

**Reduced Rates.** Individual members are entitled to subscribe at very reduced rates to some scientific journals: *Plant Breeding*, *Euphytica*, *Molecular Breeding*, *Theoretical and Applied Genetics*, *Plant Genetic Resources*, and *Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution*. Ask the EUCARPIA Secretariat or visit the EUCARPIA web page for current rates.

**Specialized Sections.** Each member is welcomed to participate in one or more (or all) sections. EUCARPIA's 11 sections are:

- ◆ Potatoes
- ◆ Cereals
- ◆ Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses
- ◆ Biometrics in Plant Breeding
- ◆ Genetic Resources
- ◆ Maize and Sorghum
- ◆ Vegetables
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Ornamentals
- ◆ Oil and Protein Crops
- ◆ Organic and Low-Input Agriculture

**General Congress.** Every four years a congress is held. These congresses have always been the main platform for presentation of the problems and challenges facing plant breeding both for today and in the future.

### **Membership.**

Membership fees for 2008 are only € 40.- (individual members), € 30.- (members younger than 30 years or retired) and € 300.- (corporate members, including a maximum of 10 persons). Special rates apply for members from new EU countries and from non-EU Eastern Europe countries. An application form can be downloaded from the EUCARPIA web site. Every year, the Secretariat sends to EUCARPIA members the Membership certification together with the EUCARPIA Bulletin, which contains information on EUCARPIA activities, publications, dates and information of symposia, meetings and events, etc.