

ECCDBs and EURISCO
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Discussion was introduced by a presentation offered by L. Maggioni.

Points of discussion:

- CCDBs and EURISCO have different roles and this explains some of the data discrepancies with EURISCO (i.e. historical data are sometimes included in CCDBs; only a selection of data at the national discretion are included in EURISCO)
- Some CCDBs contain historical data. These are considered very important by some participants, others have pragmatically decided that they are not a priority for investment.
- The creation and maintenance of a CCDB should be justified by the service it can offer to users. If the service is well defined and essential, it is easier to ensure the sustainability of the Database.
- it could be useful to clarify the respective roles to give an indication of what is expected from them, from an ECPGR (and user) perspective.
- EURISCO can be a provider of data for the CCDBs, but some data integrity rules are missing (i.e. accessions have received different accession numbers)
- Possibility to define ECPGR quality criteria for CCDBs
- Characterization / evaluation data: the ALIS project will need to look for solutions
- Possible need for re-thinking the entire data flow mechanisms, in view of the increasing adoption of new technologies

Decisions:

- Th. Van Hintum agreed to be leader of EPGRIS3 activity 2-06 (Link to ECCDBs).
- Workplan will consist of drafting a “Vision paper for a European PGR Information and Documentation landscape”, to be tabled for information at the ECPGR Steering Committee meeting, 2-5 September 2008.
- Th. Van Hintum will coordinate the above drafting, in collaboration with the Doc&Info NCG and collaborators in the EPGRIS3 activity 2-06.