



Minutes of the Business Meeting, 11th International Wheat Genetics Symposium

Approximately 5 pm Thursday 28th August 2008

Chaired by Norberto Pogna, Chair, IWGS International Organising Committee

1 Report of Local Organising Committee

Peter Sharp, Co-Chair LOC

A brief oral report was presented. This noted that the attendance was of almost 400 people. The largest contingents were from Australia (158), Japan (40), USA (31), India (23), Canada (19), China (19), and France (16). There were 334 full paying, 4 retired, 38 student, 22 speakers, and 28 day registrants.

Minutes will be placed on GrainGenes, as will the group photos. GrainGenes will be asked to allow participants to deposit their own photos.

An innovation was the use of a USB drive for the proceedings. However, the comment of some that a book of abstracts would have been helpful during the meeting was noted.

The sponsors ACIAR, ACPFG, CIMMYT, ICARDA, GRDC, Triticarte, Queensland DPI&F, and AGT were noted and thanked.

2 The Gene Catalog

Motion 1: That Professor Bob McIntosh, with the help of his co-curators continues to assemble the Catalog of Gene Symbols for wheat.

Proposed by Peter Sharp

Seconded and passed by acclamation.

Motion 2: That formal permanent gene symbols only be assigned by the curators for genes where germplasm with the contrasting alleles is deposited in, and available for research use from curator-approved public germplasm repositories. This will ensure availability of germplasm for research confirmation and/or allelism studies.

Proposed by Bob McIntosh

Seconded, Peter Sharp, noting that this will have no effect on gene annotation activities of genomic programs.

Passed (unanimously).

3 The Gene Catalog on MacGene

Dr Yukiko Yamazaki gave a demonstration of the use of the various ways to access and use the Gene Catalog on the symposium USB drive, and or after installation on a PC, as well as by access on the Komugi or GrainGenes websites.

4 **Membership of the International Organising Committee of the International Wheat Genetics Symposium**

The following changes to the membership of the IOC of the IWGS were made.

Current

Chair

Norberto Pogna, Italy

Members

Olin Anderson, USA

Peter Sharp, Australia

DJ Liu, China

Hisashi Tsujimoto, Japan

Beat Keller, Switzerland

Tatyana Pshenichnikova, Russia

Pierre Hucl, Canada

New

Chair

Peter Langridge, Australia

Members

Olin Anderson, USA

Jizeng Jia, China

Hisashi Tsujimoto, Japan

Beat Keller, Switzerland

Tatyana Pshenichnikova, Russia

Silvia German, Uruguay

B Mishra, India

5 **Location of the 12th International Wheat Genetics Symposium in 2013**

The LOC received two expressions of interest from potential hosts for the next Symposium; Yokohama, Japan and New Delhi, India.

Short bid presentations from these countries were made by Dr Y Ogiwara (Japan), and Dr B Mishra, (India)

A vote by show of hands was held.

Japan as selected as the recommendation of the Symposium participants to the International Organising Committee, by vote of India (36), to Japan (well over 90).

Meeting closed at approximately 6.15pm.