PGOC, NRSP-6, and Regional Plant Introduction Stations Update

Gary A. Pederson
USDA, ARS, Plant Genetic Resources
Conservation Unit
Griffin, GA

PGOC, NRSP-6, and Regional Plant Introduction Stations Update

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee July 28-29, 2010, Geneva, NY

- Germplasm issues update
 - Two new Crop Germplasm Committees (42 total)
 - Specialty Nut Crops and Medicinal & Essential Oils
 - Over 529,000 samples in Ft. Collins base collection
- GRIN-Global demonstration of early public version
- International cooperators
 - Canada: 112,000 accessions; using SMTA for all crops; 80% of their distributions are within Canada
 - Korea: 272,000 accessions (plants, animals, silkworms); 4,400 accessions reintroduced from US, Japan, Russia, and Germany
 - Mexico: Building new center for genetic resources; 13,000 accessions obtained from US; will use GRIN-Global

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee July 28-29, 2010, Geneva, NY

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee

- Subcommittee established on crop wild relatives
 - Prioritize acquisition/conservation of US wild relatives
- Georeferencing subcommittee
 - IRRI project to provide lat/long data for accessions
 - 81,000 accessions received lat/long data
 - Curators need to review data prior to entry into GRIN
- Subcommittee reports
 - Acquisition and distribution, GRIN molecular markers, medicinal plants, in situ conservation, updating NPGS brochure

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee

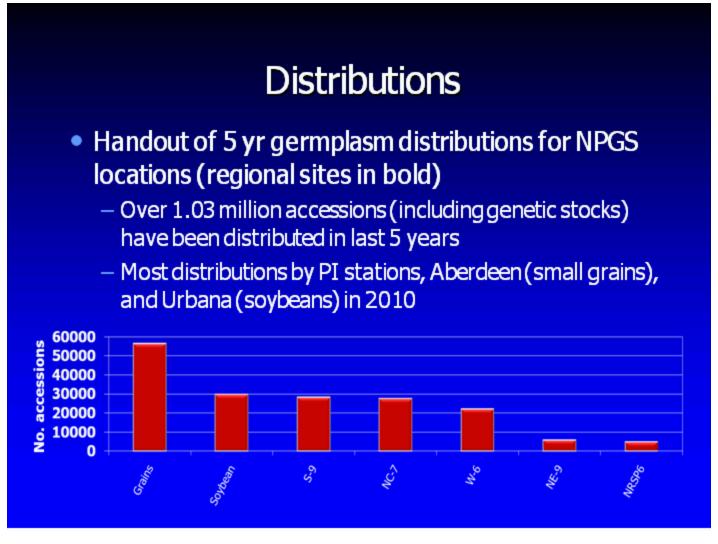
- Phytosanitary certificates
 - Cost going up from \$23 in 2008 to \$60 in 2011
 - Plant Exchange Office had been funding certificates for several locations, but no longer has the money to continue funding certificates for international distributions
 - Subcommittee developed and forwarded recommendation on having international users pay the cost
- Non-research requests (home gardeners)
 - Added more explanation about use of NPGS seed for research and education to ordering box within GRIN

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee

- Genetically engineered organisms and plant patents were discussed
 - NPGS has no clear guidelines yet
- Miscanthus
 - Miscanthus collection will be located at Griffin with Melanie Harrison-Dunn curator. Accessions also at Miami, National Arboretum, and other locations.
- Future PGOC meetings
 - Beltsville, June 21-22, 2011
 - Pullman, June 7, 2012
 - (4th Curators workshop)

Plant Germplasm Operations Committee



Distributions



Distributions

Preservation of Plant Breeder Germplasm Collections

One historical and two recent examples



- ARS Sugar Crops Station, Meridian, MS
 - Closed in 1983 and over 1,200 sweet sorghum samples moved to Griffin in glass jars in 1983
 - In 2004, the seed was repackaged and entered into GRIN
 - Orders increased from 32 (228 accessions) in 2005 to 108 (4,097 accessions) in 2009.
 - Other bioenergy crops show similar distribution increases (switchgrass, etc.)

Preservation of Plant Breeder Germplasm Collections

Plant Breeder Germplasm Collections

- Norm Taylor, Univ. Kentucky, Clover breeder
 - Retired in 2001 but kept actively working.
 - Trifolium germplasm collection (1953-present)
 - 1,839 inventories of 1,179 accessions representing 201 different Trifolium species
 - Donated to USDA by University of Kentucky in 2011
 - Designated as a Special Collection in NPGS
 - Poster presentation at 2011 Crop Science Society meeting
 - Contains several new Trifolium species, previously unavailable PIs, and new accessions not in NPGS

Plant Breeder Germplasm Collections

Plant Breeder Germplasm Collections

- Al Kreschmer tropical legume collection
 - Aeschynomene, Centrosema, Desmanthus, Desmodium, Leucaena, Macroptilium, Stylosanthes, Trifolium, Vigna
- University of Florida, Ft. Pierce, FL
 - Retired in ~1998
 - Over 4,700 accessions in collection
 - Only 725 accessions in GRIN
 - Collection presently at Ona, FL
 - Some of collection may have been lost due to freezer failure
 - Working with Ken Quesenberry, UF, to move the collection to Griffin for possible entry into NPGS

Plant Breeder Germplasm Collections

Plant Breeder – NPGS cooperation

- Preserve important plant genetic resources
 - Plant breeders' collected and developed germplasm is preserved for future research and educational use.
 - NPGS curators need to be aware of retiring plant breeders or programs closing and tactfully work with Universities and others to preserve important germplasm.

Plant Breeder – NPGS cooperation