

Minutes from the meeting of the EWRS Working Group Soil Seed Bank, Germination and Early Growth in Athens 20 June 2022

Time: 20 June 2022 at 17:30-18:30

Place: Athens, Greece, at the 19th EWRS Symposium

Participants: 9 persons

Agenda:

1. Welcome and presentation of participants
2. Short presentation of the Working Group (WG)
3. Next meeting or workshop
4. Future activities
5. Any other business – election of new WG coordinator

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1. The WG coordinator welcomed the participants. The participants presented themselves.
 2. A short presentation of the WG was given by the WG coordinator.
 3. The next WG meeting will be in autumn 2022 as an online meeting. This meeting is to prepare ideas for common experiment and to plan new physical workshop including location of this workshop.
In spring or autumn 2023 it is planned a physical meeting. Suggestions for venues were Perugia/ Spain (again, including modelling workshop) and Ilam/Iran.
 4. We discussed new ideas for common experiments:
 - Work with perennial weeds
 - *Conyza candensis*? *Sorghum halepense*? (not of interest in northern parts of Europe)
 - *Cirsium arvense*- common in many places in Europe
 - *Sonchus arvensis* (but no interest in southern regions)
 - Collect samples of *Echinochloa crus-galli* at the same places as for the previous common experiment. This to study:
 - For all populations (local, common) - base temperature
 - For a selected number of populations - dormancy breaking with cold and then germinate at different temperatures (to estimate base temperature)
 5. Any other business- election of new WG coordinator: Kirsten S. Tørresen has to step down as WG coordinator by next year after being coordinator for 3 periods (total 9 years). Aritz Royo-Esnal, Spain was elected as a new WG coordinator from 01.01.2023.

Kirsten S. Tørresen

WG Coordinator

Ås, Norway, 01.12.2022