

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2005
University of Stellenbosh, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Seminar Room

Council members present:

Pedro Crous, Jacqueline Edwards, Michael Fischer, Paul Fourie, Walter Gams, Marlene Jaspers, Philippe Larignon, Lucie Morton, Laura Mugnai, Ian Pascoe, Cecilia Rego, Elwin Stewart, Lisa van de Water

Absent:

Luigi Chiarappa

The following points were discussed and approved unanimously:

1.0 - Definition of the Executive Council composition. The proposal of defining the composition of the Executive ICGTD Council as founding members, chairperson, regional coordinators, previous **workshop** organizers and honorary members was discussed and approved.

1.1 Founding members: Luigi Chiarappa, Philippe Larignon, Lucie Morton, Laura Mugnai, Ian Pascoe, Lisa van de Water.

1.2 Board: Chairperson and Regional coordinators. They are nominated or confirmed at each meeting of the executive council to be held in the occasion of each workshop organized by the ICGTD, with the task of keeping close contact with the other ICGTD members.

1.3 Previous workshop organizers: the local organizer or one representative member of the organizing committee is invited to belong to the Executive Committee.

1.4 Honorary members: to be proposed by one of the Council members and approved by the council.

2.0 - Definition of ICGTD membership. All participants to one or more of the workshops who have a specific interest and activity on grapevine trunk diseases are entitled to be members. To actually belong to the group they only need to fill in the ICGTD membership form, and send it to their Regional coordinator.

3.0 - Tasks and delimitation of activities. Grapevine fungal trunk diseases, whose agents are located in the mature stem (trunk and cordons) of grapevines, with special emphasis on Esca and related diseases, but also including trunk diseases caused by other fungal pathogens such as *Eutypa*, *Botryosphaeria*, *Cylindrocarpon* and *Phomopsis*.

4.0 - Board composition. For the next term (up to the next IWGTD), the same board was confirmed

Chairperson: Laura Mugnai

Regional Coordinators

Jacqueline Edwards for Australasia

Paul Fourie for Africa

Elwin Stewart for America

Michael Fischer for Europe

5.0 - Next Workshop. The proposal of Doug Gubler from the University of Davis to organize the next workshop in October 2006 in the Napa Valley, California, USA was unanimously accepted.

6.0 – ICGTD Website. The structure of an ICGTD website, to be hosted by CBS, was planned. It will include the following:

- Short introduction and presentation of the group.
- Tasks and interests.
- Council composition.
- Update info on the workshops organized by the group.
- List of members including:
 - Institution, address, fax, e-mail
 - Main field of interest within research on GTD
 - Availability of a fungal collection for collaborations/exchange
- List of updated literature produced on each of the main research fields (see form)
- Links with descriptive pages on the main pathogens involved
- List of reference strains (optional)
- Links with descriptive pages on the main diseases of interest for the group
- List of main ongoing or recently finished projects (optional)
- Suggested links with other web sites of interest for ICGTD members

7.0 – Publication of the presentations given at the 4th ICGTD Workshop. It is decided to propose to the Editorial Board of *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* the publication of full papers, short notes and abstracts from the 4th IWGTD in a fully dedicated Special Issue. The submission of full papers and short notes will be accepted only if containing original data. The papers will be processed by selected Editors and reviewed by 2 referees prior to acceptance and publication. The issue should also include Keynotes, Reviews or Short reviews on the main pathogens of interest.

As the costs of the publication can not be covered only by the income derived from selling the issue, the 4th IWGTD organizing committee was asked to consider a possible contribution from the 4th IWGTD registration fees. If such funds will not be available or insufficient, it will be necessary to encourage other contributions, such as advertisements. As the ICGTD was recognized by the ISPP as a Subject Matter Committee, the Chairperson and other members of the Council will also formally apply to the ISPP for any contribution available for such Committees. The publication can be possible only if funding will be available.