



Legume
Hub

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Founding meeting of the European Legume Hub Association

22.11.2021, 9.00-10.00 CET

Zoom video conference

Minutes

The participants are listed in the annex.

Chairman: Christine Watson (CW).
Minutes: Donau Soja.

1. Introduction

Christine Watson welcomed the participants. She in particular welcomed those who are not deeply involved in the Legumes Translated consortium. She invited Donal Murphy-Bokern to provide an overview of The Hub and related matters arising for those who have not been closely involved.

DMB described some key features of The Hub and its governance that are particularly relevant to the association being founded. The sustainability plan for The Hub emphasises democratic community ownership and governance. While The Hub looks quite simple to many users, its interactivity with members, especially authors, and other users uses website technology that required careful design and construction. The Hub Association is the foundation of the future efforts to sustain The Hub through its democratic community governance combined with the work of Donau Soja as an open industry association that works to change protein production and use in Europe. The Hub Association is currently informal. While the statutes appear long, they provide for a simple fit-for-purpose approach to administration. Ordinary common contracts between individuals provides the legal basis for the work so far. The only major exception to this is a clause giving a right to veto decisions to the owners of the IP relating to the design and functionality of The Hub in any case where such decisions may in their judgement compromise the goals of The Association.



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Election of the chairman and board (after 9.15 am)

Election of the chairman of the Association: Donal Murphy-Bokern. Elected with 22 votes.

Election of the members of the Board of the Association: All 7 nominees are accepted as members of the board. Approved with 23 votes. The board members:

- Svetlana Balesević Tubić, Seed Association of Serbia
- Lauren Dietemann, FiBL, Switzerland
- Mato Mrkalj, Nutris.farm, Croatia
- Donal Murphy-Bokern, Germany
- Kristina Petrović, Maize Research Institute Zemun Polje, Serbia
- Leopold Rittler, Donau Soja, Austria
- Christine Watson, SRUC, United Kingdom

Approval of the statutes: The statutes as circulated were approved with 25 votes.

Arrangements for the editorial board: It was agreed with 26 votes that the development of the Board should remain responsible for the editorial function for the time being. The Board itself can delegate this work.

General discussion

As chairman, DMB invited the attendees to provide views and comments. He welcomed and invited those new to the group individually.

- The Legume Hub is owned by its members.
- There are no membership fees for the time being.
- Donau Soja secures basic maintenance expenses and takes care of the secretariat.
- The Legume Hub is available for dissemination and communication. Funding allocated to members within new consortia may be used to further develop the Legume Hub. The preservation of the origin of content, authorships etc. is a fundamental principle as a publishing platform.
- Researchers would appreciate if they get addressed actively by the Hub to make existing publications available on the Hub.
- Depending on resources from new projects, The Hub can be adjusted to serve specific themes arising from new projects.
- The Legume Hub complements other initiatives in that it is a unique self-publishing platform focused in particular in the space between research and practice.
- The Legume Hub is understood by its community as a network, enabling access to knowledge and exchange among its members and users.
- Increase of legume production in Europe will be supported by knowledge shared on the Hub

