

Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources

Key Action n° 5

Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and integrated development of rural areas including mountain areas.

Development of Origin Labelled Products: Humanity, Innovation, and Sustainability

DOLPHINS

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Enlarged Steering Committee

(Steering Committee + WP responsables)

Minutes of the meeting

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Agenda :

1. Evaluation of the Firenze meeting (10-12 the September 2001)
2. The first year's scientific reports (including the D4B report) : progress, evaluation
3. Management report : individual reports and consolidated report
4. Site web (WP8) : evaluation of the communication within Dolphins and outside, future actions
5. Further scientific programme before the next plenary meeting
6. Planning of the next plenary meeting (21-22 march 2002)
7. Other matters

1. Evaluation of the Firenze meeting (10-12 the September 2001)

An evaluation of the Meeting has been done, underlining strenghts, weaknesses, and proposing suggestions useful for the next Meeting (see point 6).

Strenghts:

a) General

- ?? almost all Dolphins participants were present at the Meeting (i.e. about 65 people, including the experts)
- ?? the First Meeting has allowed to strengthen the network and exchange experiences and knowledge
- ?? the First Meeting helped in clarify the structure and the activities of the project and to better finalise future work

b) Plenary Sessions

- ?? the invited experts (at the plenary sessions as well as at the workshops) helped Dolphins participants to update knowledge on WTO positions and open questions on OLPs, to create a common basis for discussion, and to better clarify the final objective of Dolphins activities

c) Parallel WPs Sessions

- ?? WPs sessions allowed to appreciate each partner research activities and results
- ?? in general, the discussion within the groups was fruitful
- ?? the invited experts succeeded in stimulating discussion and identifying the main open questions and need of further research

Weaknesses:

a) Plenary Sessions

- ?? Lack of time to develop in-depth discussion and to get opinion on WPs synthesis from people of other WPs
- ?? The meeting was perturbed by the attack of the 11th September in New York

b) Parallel WPs Sessions

- ?? Lack of time to develop in-depth discussion
- ?? One night between two workshop sessions could be usefull
- ?? Some Participants could not present the paper they had prepared and this weakened some debates
- ?? Heterogeneity of contributions and difficulty to both stimulate people to take part actively to the discussion and to re-start discussion on different topics. How to get everybody (not only the seniors !) to take part in the discussions ?
- ?? Lack of time for co-ordinators to prepare the WPs synthesis for the final plenary session
- ?? Lack of time to discuss how to proceed for future scientific activities (intermediate seminars, next meeting structure)
- ?? In a few cases participants were not precisely informed on the kind of contribution requested for the parallel session

Decisions / actions

- ~~///~~ The co-ordinator will invite each Dolphins participant to evaluate the First Dolphins Meeting (learnings, strenghts, weaknesses, suggestions) by sending a short questionnaire by e-mail
- ~~///~~ The second Dolphins Meeting will increase the time for the discussion within WPs parallel session (reduction of the number of experts), time available for co-ordinators to prepare the synthesis and for the discussion during the Plenary sessions (less lectures) (see point 6)

2. The first year's scientific reports (including the D4B report) : progress, evaluation

a) Discussion on WPs synthesis

- ?? The enlarged Steering Committee has discussed the synthesis prepared by WP2, WP3 and WP4 co-ordinators, while WP1 synthesis was not yet ready.
- ?? Useful suggestions have been expressed on WP3 and WP4 synthesis in order to improve the final versions and better finalise future work. A discussion about multifunctionality tied with OLP is really necessary (congress in Norway, in Clermont Ferrand, etc..), as well as diversified contacts (Beatrice Velasquez (Argentina), researcher at INEA in Roma), B. Pecqueur as discutant ?
- ?? Some critical remarks were made on WP2 synthesis, which should be further developed and improved in order to take better into consideration the work done by the Units (Review and Discussion Reports) and some important aspects that did not seem to have received sufficient consideration.

A summary table is necessary for each work package for month 18th (themes to develop)

	Countries or institutions...
Theme 1			X
Etc....	X		X
...	X	X	
...	X		X

Still keep in mind the final goal of the CA, which is based on WTO negotiations : how to legitimate the OLP at the world level and how can research of high standard contribute to this objective ?

b) Structure of First Year Scientific Report

The co-ordinator presented the content of the first year scientific report, which will include:

- ?? Literature reviews from the participants
- ?? Synthesis from WPs co-ordinators (WP1, WP2, WP3 and WP4);
- ?? OLPs Sector in UE countries from each country which takes part in Dolphins. Note that these reports were not due according to Technical Annex, but they had been judged an important output from previous Enlarged Steering Committees in order to increase knowledge on OLPs between Dolphins participants.
- ?? Deliverables:
 - D0 Guidelines
 - DB4: Preliminary Working Document on WTO's negotiations concerning OLP's protection.
 - D9 Web Site (CD Rom)
 - D10, D11 and D12 Databases (CD Rom)

Decisions / actions

~~??~~ A common structure for the final WPs synthesis (month n.18) has been agreed:

0. Introduction/Background
1. Synthesis of Work Package findings
2. Emergent issues and future research needs
3. Proposal for further works/seminars before the Second Dolphins Meeting
4. Policy implications

3. Management report : individual reports and consolidated report

The Management report will contain:

- ?? the Individual progress report from each Unit (15), with scientific results
 - ?? the Consolidated progress report (1) from the Co-ordinator of the Action
- No specific discussion has been made on this subject.
- ?? Annexes (Meeting minutes, programme of Florence Meeting)

4. Site web (WP8) : evaluation of the communication within Dolphins and outside, future actions

- ?? Claire Samson-Tarot has recalled the main aspects of Dolphins Web Page (current web address : <http://www.origin-food.org/>)
- ?? Starting from the next week it will be possible to make queries on the three Databases (publications on OLPs, research institutes working on OLPs, researches on OLPs).
- ?? The databases are now on the website
- ?? The access to databases will be guaranteed also to non-participants (free access)
- ?? It has been suggested to improve access to downloadable papers sent by participants, creating a Download area containing the list of the papers available
- ?? As planned in the Technical Annex, starting from may 2002 Dolphins concerted action will stop funding the personal for the Web Page. Nevertheless, everyone agreed that Dolphins web page should continue to operate. The cost of the Dolphins Web page will be taken in charge by the Centre de Ressources Régional of INRA which makes necessary to have a common sign on the different web pages
- ?? The possibility of downloading the WPs synthesis in the free-access area was discussed. Considering that the WPs synthesis are still subject to revision and validation from each Dolphins researcher, it was decided not to put them on the free-access area.

Decisions / actions

- ~~??~~ Access to Dolphins database will be guaranteed also to non-participants.
- ~~??~~ The WPs synthesis will be downloadable only from the restricted area (Dolphins participants only)

5. Further scientific programme before the next plenary meeting

a) WPs Seminars

- ?? The possibility of organising seminars within each WP has been discussed, and some ideas were presented. Pros and cons have been carefully considered by the Enlarged Steering Committee.
- ?? The problem of lack of time has emerged, especially considering the fact that there would be no much time from the seminar to the Second Meeting to carry on with deep scientific activities.
- ?? A discussion on themes to be analysed and developed was held, which brought to some minor changes in the themes identified.
- ?? WPs seminar will be open to all Dolphins participants who show an interest in the themes discussed.
- ?? The possibility of organising WPs seminars is left to WPs co-ordinators, who have expressed the intention to organise seminars, if a sufficient level of researchers participation and agreement on themes to be discussed are reached. Possible (but not mandatory) seminars are the following.
 - WP1 seminar in Munich on 5th march 2002, focusing on protection's legal problems
 - WP2 seminars focusing on 1) collective action/management in OLPs supply chains (in Reggio Emilia) ; 2) OLPs relationship with modern distribution.
 - WP3 seminar in Barcelone (E) at the end of January-beginning of February 2002, aimed at focusing on three main themes: 1) OLPs and multifunctionality; 2) OLPs and diversification (both at individual/firm level and rural/local level); 3) Council reg.2081/92: pros and cons for rural development.
 - WP4 seminar on the following themes: 1) Concepts and methods; 2) Communication; 3) Explaining OLPs consumers behaviour (classical and more sophisticated determinants); 4) What OLPs offer (both tangible and intangible attributes)

b) Exchange of researchers publications and other useful texts

?? The sharing of researchers publications and other useful texts should be further increased, also by means of the Dolphins Web Page. Dolphins researchers are invited to send on electronic format the publications which may be useful for the improvement of the project, in respect of current intellectual property rights regulations.

c) Future activity

?? The Review and Discussion Reports should be updated when necessary. Topics identified within each WP should be developed, focusing, if necessary, on specific aspects recognised of particular importance for the discussion within the WP and, more generally, for the objectives of Project.

6. Planning of the next plenary meeting (Toulouse, 21-22 march 2002)

?? The second Dolphin Meeting will be held in Toulouse (F), 21st-22nd March 2002

?? Taking into account the evaluation of the First Dolphin Meeting of Florence (september 2001) (see point 1), a tentative agenda has been agreed (see prospect).

?? It has been suggested that the General Discussion scheduled on Friday 22 could be animated by an invited discussant.

7. Other matters

?? Claire Samson-Tarot illustrated two initiatives:

- Dolphins Press release: **see Claire Tarot notes**
- Dolphins Poster: some comments and suggestions were made by the Steering Committee in order to improve the graphical aspect and the content of the Poster, to be distributed to all Dolphins participants to make information on Dolphins activities circulate

?? It has to be discussed in the next Meeting of the Steering Committee on which conditions and procedures some participants' works (papers, books, etc.) can be "labelled" as result of Dolphins activity

?? A discussion on the future of Dolphins researchers network was started, in order to assess the possibility of applying for the UE Sixth Framework Programme

~~??~~ The next Steering Committee is planned at Munich (D) on 6th march 2002, afternoon

7. Other matters

Filippo did contact a greek researcher, who could be invited at the next meeting. Dolphins could pay 50 % of he's expenses.

Contacts have been, made for having information and support for applying to the 6th PCRD as "excellence network".

Thursday 21/03/2002	Friday 22/03/2002
9 : 30 Plenary Session - INTRODUCTION	9 : 00 WPs Parallel Sessions IV
11 : 00 <i>Break</i>	11 : 00 <i>Break</i>
11 : 30 WPs Parallel Sessions I	11 : 30 Plenary Session - LECTURES
13 : 00 <i>Lunch</i>	13 : 00 <i>Lunch</i>
14 : 30 WPs Parallel Sessions II	14 : 30 WPs Synthesis
	15 : 30 General discussion
16 : 00 <i>Break</i>	16 : 15 External discutant
16 : 30 WPs Parallel Sessions III	16 : 30 Introduction to Task 2 (F.Arfini, D.Barjolle)
	17 : 00 Conclusions (B. Sylvander)
18 : 00 <i>End</i>	

ALTERNATIVE :

	Thursday 21/03/2002		Friday 22/03/2002		Saturday 23/03/2002
		9 : 00	WPs Parallel Sessions II	9 : 00	WPs Synthesis
				10 : 00	General discussion
		11 : 00	<i>Break</i>	11 : 00	<i>Break</i>
		11 : 30	WPs Parallel Sessions III	11 : 30	Introduction to Task 2 (F.Arfini, D.Barjolle)
				12 : 00	Conclusions (B.Sylvander)
		13 : 00	<i>Lunch</i>		
14 : 30	Plenary Session - INTRODUCTION	14 : 30	WPs Parallel Sessions IV		
16 : 00	<i>Break</i>	16 : 00	<i>Break</i>		
16 : 30	WPs Parallel Sessions I	16 : 30	Plenary Session - LECTURES		
18 : 00	<i>End</i>	18 : 00	<i>End</i>		