



EPSO & Plant Genomics

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1. Mission

- **Increase the visibility and impact of the European plant science community**
- **Articulate the vision of the European plant science community for the future and advise on decisions of funding agencies at the European and national level on long term strategies to support plant science**
- **Communicate with academia, industry, and the general public to ensure the independent dissemination of plant science information**
- **Contribute to the development of agriculture, horticulture, forestry and biodiversity**

2. Structure

- **Founded in 2000**

- **Members:**

Academic institutions

49 members

20 European nations: EU member states and candidate countries

- **Observers:**

2 European consumer organisations, BEUC & AEC

2 European industrial organisation, EuropaBio & PIP

8 individual companies

- **Links:**

Europe: specialized organisations in the area of plant and life sciences (EUCARPIA, FESPP, ELSF)

Worldwide: plant science organisations (USA, AUS, JAP, CAN)

3. Initiatives

- **Position & Discussion papers**

Statement on Plant Science in Europe, Oct'02

Reply to the EC Strategic Vision on Biotech, Nov'01

Response to the EC FP6 Proposal, Apr'01

Response to ERA & 10 Year Vision for Plant Science, May'00

- **Workshops / Brainstorms**

Science: Opportunities for Plant Research in FP6, May'02

Science Policy: Seminar Plant Science, Apr'02

HLW Plant Science, Nov'01

- **Conferences**

1st: Networks in Plant Biology, Oct'02 (260 participants from 36 countries worldwide)

2nd: Oct'04

4. Wider view on Plant Science / e.g. Genomics

- **Facilitate & bring together research at various levels:**

National e.g. National Genomics Programs
European FPs e.g. Genomics Projets
Opening of national Programs e.g. Plant Genomics
European Research Council

- **Facilitate & bring together research from various disciplines:**

Molecular Biology, e.g. genomics
Physiology, Ecology, Botany, Breeding
Computing → Bioinformatics
Chemistry → Biochemistry
Physics → Biophysics
Medicine → Molecular Pharming
Engineering → Bioengineering etc.

5. Potential

- **Dynamic representative & contact point** for plant science in Europe → **Direct access to scientists, bottom up** approach

- **Members, observers, links**

Staff & students of member institutes / universities → member representatives, supporters → National representatives → Board
Staff of observer organisations / companies → Observer representatives

- **Web www.epsoweb.org**

e.g. Catalogue of Plant Science in Europe: Calls, Projects, Meetings