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2022 Annual Roundtable Minutes

<https://divseekintl.org/divseek-2022-agm-and-roundtable/>

DivSeek Intl Update (Jan 18th 1pm EST)

Co-Chairs: Graham King, Steve Visscher

Join via Zoom (link from Eventbrite, or request from info@divseekintl.org)

0-5m Opening Remarks (*Graham King, Executive Director*)

5m-20m AGM Business update:

- Report from Board of Directors (*Steve Visscher, Chair*)
Motion: Be it resolved to approve the Minutes of the DivSeek International Network Annual General Meeting held Jan 12, 2021. (passed with 15 votes in favour)
- DivSeek International Network financial statements 2019-2020 (*Chris Knihnitski, GIFS*)
Motion: Be it resolved that Meyers, Norris, Penny of Saskatoon be appointed as public accountant for the year ending October 31, 2022. (passed with 24 votes in favour)

2023 Annual General Meeting

Executive Director, Operational Update

Graham King



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Operational Funding Support



No-cost extension from March 2022 – June 2023

Covid-relief \$19k



Member Organizations: ***Call to Action***

Over the past few years, DivSeek International Network has successfully established as a global community facilitating open dissemination of information about plant genetic resources. With establishment of regional hubs, this has enabled us to extend and engage with members, hubs and stakeholders to help prioritise Strategic Plan Objectives amenable to funding. In many cases these objectives have generic impact (across crops and locations), and align with national and international strategic priorities. DivSeek has close interaction with key national and multi-national organizations such as the FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food & Agriculture, the Crop Trust, and One CG, and is extending its range of active partnerships.

Following the pandemic, DivSeek was fortunate to obtain a no-cost extension to the initial establishment funds from Genome Prairie (Genome Canada) and the Global Institute of Food Security. This has enabled us to extend our communications and stakeholder reach.

However, we now face a precipitous end-of project at: June 30, 2023.

Supporting/participating in funding proposals

- IDRC/CLARE (*Modern Genomics to improve African orphan crops*)
 - FFAR/GAIN (*screening underutilized crops – data standards*)
 - AG2P – phenotyping (*standards/ontology*)
- + Input into Genome Canada consortia
– *Data Coordination & Collaboration hubs for Climate-Smart Ag.*
- + letters of support when requested

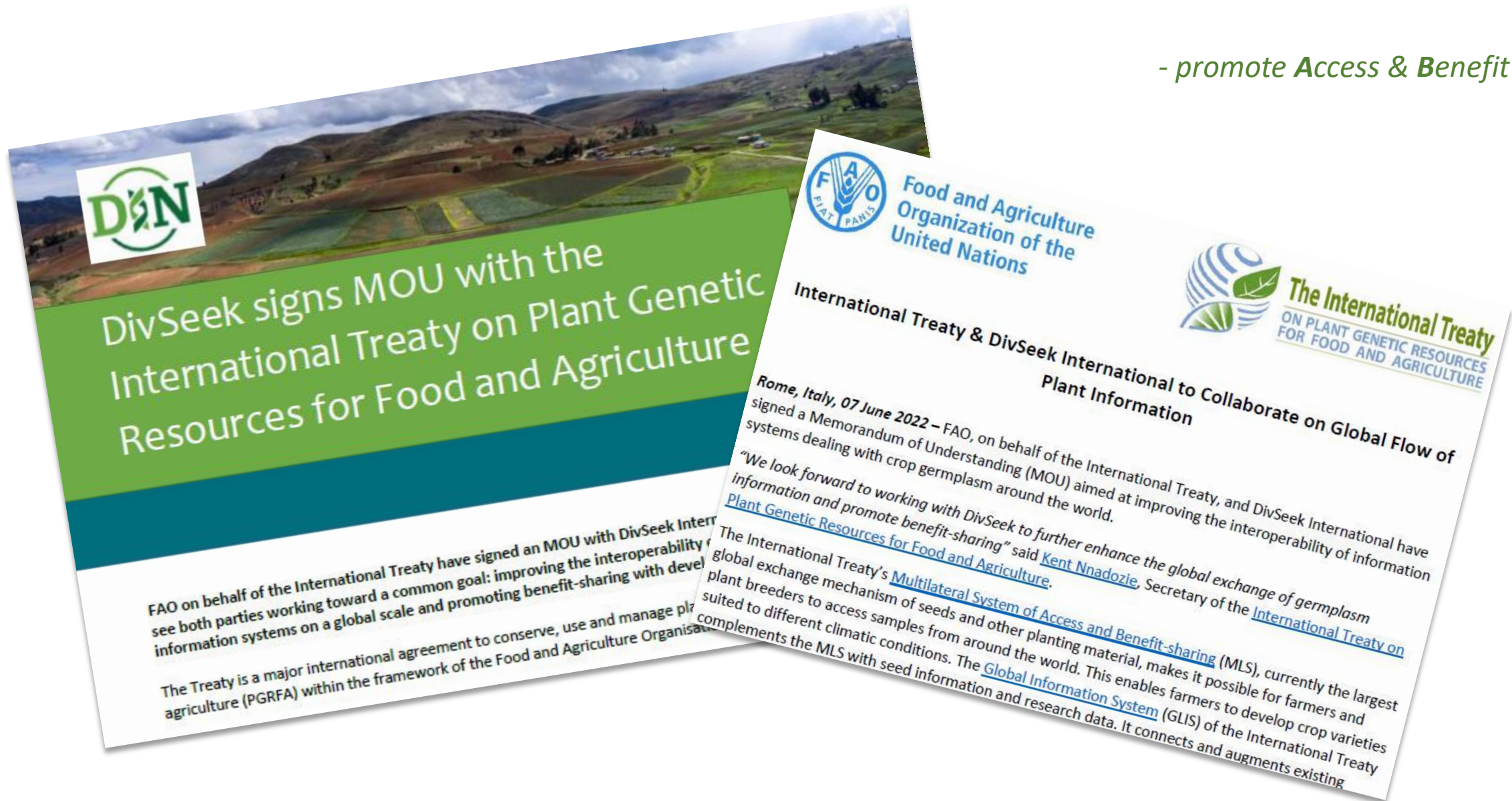
Supported/organized workshops at International Conferences



Plant Genetic Resources – Initiatives to Harness Biodiversity and Increase Utility

June 2022: MOU aimed at improving **interoperability of information systems** dealing with crop germplasm

- promote **Access & Benefit Sharing**





DivSeek Hubs

- pilot program reviewed
- independent, but synergistic with DivSeek
- successful in engaging wider community
- **Scope to extend – esp. Africa, SE Asia, Pacific**

<https://divseekintl.org/regional-hubs/>



- *Dedicated pages*
- Otras opciones de idioma
- Autres options de langue
- *Reports online*



Regional Hubs

- African Orphan Crops
- Australasian
- Canada
- Latin America
- West Africa

Thematic Hubs

- Democratize & Empower PGR Conservation and Use
- Does it Taste Good ?
- Genebank Genomics
- Germinate database
- Global Durum wheat
- Haplotype & PanGenome: chickpea



+ new DivSeek Partnership Category

A Global Engagement Organization of



<https://www.ag2pi.org/>

An institutional Supporter of



<https://www.usda.gov/oce/sustainability/spg-coalition>

A Knowledge Partner of



Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate

<https://www.aimforclimate.org/>

New membership – SE Asia

Thursday, January 12, 2023



Scientific articles Library & documents

Research on selection of top varieties of sapodilla in Lo Giang commune, Dong Hung district, Thai Binh province

DivSeek welcomes Vietnam's Plant Resources Centre

October 6, 2022



Latest news

The 5th Trade Union Congress of Plant Resources Center, term 2023-2028

December 29 , 2022

Conference on staff work of the Center for Plant Resources December 27 , 2022

Research on selection of top varieties of sapodilla in Lo Giang commune, Dong Hung district, Thai Binh province December 20 , 2022

Research on using pesticides and nano preparations to prevent fruit drop and fruit rot caused by fungi *C. gloeosporioides* and *Phytophthora* spp. on orange soup 12/19/2022

Results of collecting plant genetic resources in Dak Nong, Binh Phuoc, Gia Lai and Thanh Hoa provinces December 16 , 2022

Restoration of glutinous rice varieties in Song Ma district, Son La December 15 , 2022

Communications

- Reduced Webinar offerings – *feedback* ?
- Targeted Task Team meetings
 - Traceability – Genebank to GenBank conundrum
(DOI to BioSampleID)
 - TK/BC Labels
- Greater investment in *DivSeek Connect* newsletter + website



Kiri Marker






Newsletter for members,
partners and stakeholders

www.divseekintl.org

<https://divseekintl.org/>



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**NEW CHAIR
STEPHEN
KRESOVICH**



PAG ASIA 2022 WORKSHOP SERIES
**GENE BANK
GENOMICS AND
BEYOND**
JUNE 22, 2022

September 28th, 2022
DivSeek Board opens opportunity for wider network interaction with Partnership category

September 18th, 2022
Survey: how can we make DivSeek better?

August 30th, 2022
Stephen Kresovich elected to Chair of DivSeek Board

June 17th, 2022
DivSeek workshop at PAG Asia

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Vietnamese



Evaluation of Capacity and Network: *Members' Insights*



Peter Phillips



Ana Maria Bogdan



Daniel Rutherford



Graduate School of Public Policy

Survey Overview and Demographics

- Late August 2022 to early December 2022
- Only 33 people completed the survey.
 - Most from Europe and North America + some from Africa, Asia, and Oceania.
 - Mostly researchers - universities, gene banks, governments.
- ~50% indicated that they could respond on behalf of their organization.

Survey – Interactions With DivSeek

- A **large majority** reported that they had direct interactions with DivSeek through Webinars, AGM's as well as working groups (WGs) and Hub meetings.
- Of these interactions, **webinars were seen as the most useful**, while WGs had a more mixed response.
- When asked about what DivSeek provides that respondents find valuable, the most common response was **networking** and the **exchange of knowledge with others** working in their field.

Survey – Support for DivSeek and Interactions with Other Members

- Very few respondents currently *support* DivSeek. The most common support currently offered is **providing staff time** and resources for DivSeek work and events.
- ~50% indicated that their organization anticipates being able to support DivSeek in the future, mostly in the form of **sharing time, work, and expertise**.
- While a majority indicated that they have various interactions with other member-organizations, **< 1/3 of these were directly attributable** to DivSeek's work.
- Most commonly reported interactions were **sharing of data** and collaboration on peer-reviewed **publications**.

Survey – Approval of Vision, Mission, Goals, and Performance

- Broad **approval of DivSeek's vision, mission, and goals**, though several respondents indicated that **limited funding** inhibits DivSeeks ability to meet its goals.
- DivSeek effective in **increasing awareness about relevance of PGR** and believe that the organization operates with openness and integrity.
- Respondents scored DivSeek **more poorly** when asked if DivSeek **enables better access** to, and use of, the information that supports their work

Open Discussion

- Comments on Strategic Plan – how to *implement*?
- What are *priorities* in eyes of Members, how staged?
- Funding – strategic approaches
- Call for involvement, leadership in specific areas
- Q and A: Request for feedback from members



DivSeek International Network - Information flows to harness Plant Genetic Diversity



*DivSeek Workshop, Friday 4pm
@PALM 3-4*

*DivSeek Networking Reception,
Friday 6pm
@PALM 3-4
Bar + Buffet*