



**First General Assembly  
of the Global Horticulture Initiative**

**2006 November 12, Delhi India**

**Nikko Metropolitan Hotel  
The Capitol  
9:00-16:00**

## Program of the plenary sessions

Welcome address, by R. Kahane, interim Executive Secretary of GlobalHort

1. Introduction of the Executive Committee members: by T.A. Lumpkin, Chair of the ExCom
  - Brief history of the Global Hort
  - Statements from the launch meeting
  - End of interim of the ExCom members
  
2. Achievements and framework: by R. Kahane, interim Executive Secretary of GlobalHort
  - Lobbying
  - Promotion
  - Support-granting
  - Reporting

*Morning Break*

3. Vision and general objectives
  - Vision
  - Mission
  - Objectives
  
4. Organization, roles and duties
  - Organization
  - Institutional status
  - Location
  - Membership and partnership

*Lunch Break*

5. Prospective and strategy: (Annex 2) to be discussed
  - Challenge Program on high value commodities and products
  - USAID CRSP, connection with the GHA and ASHS
  - Virtual platform and capacity building: connection with ISHS and CTA
  - Connection to other initiatives (EURAGRI, FAO-WHO, Fruitnet, Veginet ...)
  
6. Framework activities for 2007: to be discussed
  - Program for granted projects and fellowships
  - Promotion schedule: awareness events in Brussels and Bern
  - Proposal agenda: Canada, France, Europe, USA (CP, CRSP, ...)
  - Allocation of the budget

*Afternoon Break*

## Annex 1: Organization

Global Hort Executive Committee comprises leaders from the research, business and civil society communities. The current Chair is Dr. Thomas A. Lumpkin, who is also the present DG of AVRDC-the World Vegetable.

- No donor representative (donors group to be organized)
- Who for the private sector? (private sector to be organized)
- No NGO or farmers group representative? (group to be organized)

The Global Hort Secretariat is a small team of professionals and support staff which manages the day-to-day operations of the consortium. The Secretariat is based in Shanhua, Taiwan.

- Until when will it be based in Taiwan?
- Which process for choosing another site? (tender)

Board and committees: Executive Committee, Technical Committee and Regional committee

Executive Committee (EC)	Technical Committee	Regional committee
Control and frame the activity of the ES Promote the horticultural research through their own institution Fixed number or can increase Chairperson to be chosen who will interact with the ES	Prospective and reviewing duties Used for selecting proposals, for revising drafts, for advising both the EC and the ES in their duties.	If needed, for more transparency (external review, audit)

Executive Secretariat composition and duties: Executive Secretary, Information and Communication officer, and Administration officer

Executive Secretary (ES)	Administration manager	Information and Communication officer
Links to donors and partners Writes proposals Initiates programs	Manages tenders, terms of reference Checks deadlines for milestones and deliverables Responsible for bank transfer Forwards information and review to the committees (ExCom, Advcom, Regcom)	Sets up Technologies of Communication and Information (TCI): portal, forum, networking, database  Develop partnership with information, data and capacity building providers Develop the communication image of the Consortium and the global promotion of Horticulture

## Annex 2: Elements for Prospective and Strategy

### 1. The potential for Horticulture in a Challenge Program

We are happy to help with any Challenge Program, but there is already a global initiative underway, and we can also work with CG centers individually in the meantime to their advantage until the rest of the CG centers get their act together.

At the Science Council (SC) meeting at CIAT in Colombia, it became clear to ICARDA informally that there will be specific thematic areas for the new CGIAR Challenge Programs (CPs) with specific thematic areas. Horticulture figured prominently.

This means CG centers need to respond to this emerging opportunity immediately after the call is made for submitting proposals of new CPs. Dr Joachim Voss (CIAT) and Dr Mahmoud Sohl (ICARDA) agreed to follow up on possible partnership with AVRDC, other CG Centers such as IPGRI and ICRISAT with additional partners outside the CGIAR such as FAO, WHO, CIRAD, the University of California - Davis etc. Neither ICARDA nor CIAT had yet the opportunity to discuss this subject with Dr Emile Frison (IPGRI) and Dr. Willie Dar (ICRISAT).

A CP on "High Value commodities and Products" can be foreseen, but detail should be discussed later. Beside the **Horticultural Technology Platform initiated by EURAGRI**, we need to build upon the platform of the **Global Horticultural Initiative** launched this year, and the **FAO/WHO Fruits and Vegetable Initiative**.

### 2. The new Horticulture CRSP

([http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/agriculture/crsp/crsp\\_portfolio.htm](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/agriculture/crsp/crsp_portfolio.htm))

#### Global Horticulture Assessment: recommendations (2005)

Given the dependence of horticulture on knowledge generation, human capacity building and integration across scale and discipline, it would be inefficient to fund isolated, targeted or site-specific activities in the absence of a core integrating program. The development of a core program in horticulture would provide for a degree of program integration, synergy and efficiency that is currently lacking. Short and mid-term targeted activities will continue to play an important role in horticultural development, but their benefit will be greatly enhanced through coordination and integration.

A US funded Collaborative Research Support Program in Horticulture (Hort CRSP) is proposed. This Hort CRSP would be designed to provide the research, capacity building and knowledge extension support essential for the development of the global horticulture sector.

The new Hort CRSP could partner closely with the World Vegetable Center and its CGIAR partners in the newly developed **Global Horticulture Initiative**. This partnership ensures synergy and efficiency of programs and directly enhances the capacity to identify and implement key development programs in horticulture.

#### Horticulture & Specialty Crops (2007)

Primary Research and Capacity Building under the Horticulture and Specialty Crops CRSP will target research, capacity and market development questions related to the production and marketing of selected vegetables, fruits and specialty crops (e.g., cocoa, coffee) for increased nutritional benefits and income potential for both small and larger producers. It will address the entire "production through marketing" system and will focus on a value chain approach with emphasis on the market as the driver. Specific crops will be those vegetables and fruits for which the selected country/region has competitive advantage. Pest and disease management will be integrated to ensure that the highest quality horticultural products enter the market chain. Focal Points for Development Impact: the Horticulture CRSP will include a requirement to synthesize

research by other CRSPs, IARCS and donors on advancing integrated pest management. It will also contribute to focal points for: 1) improving soil and water productivity; 2) broadening market access; and 3) improving food quality, processing and food safety.

### **3. The role of ISHS and CTA**

ISHS is a scientific society, with high interest in the promotion of horticultural sciences, related to research, production, handling and consumption. It has not and will not have in the future any direct supporting activity in terms of granting or funding, but has a great value as gathering in an independent organization more than 6,000 members, all scientists connected to horticulture. This lacking capacity, especially for the young students and the researchers from developing countries, can be overcome through the partnership with GlobalHort. This partnership should it be then formalized via a specific MOU?

CTA will also develop a specific partnership with GlobalHort, more servicing oriented (networking tools and systems) however, compared to the ISHS one. This partnership should it be then formalized via a specific MOU?