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**WORKING GROUP ON BIOCHEMICAL AND MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES  
AND DNA-PROFILING IN PARTICULAR**

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**AVAILABILITY AND COST OF MOLECULAR MARKERS**

*Document prepared by experts from ASSINSEL*

Method	Patent Position	Availability	Cost
RFLP	<p>PHI patent pending on use in breeding</p> <p>PHI likely in favor of wide use for variety identification purposes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- probes publicly available for maize, soybean, sorghum, wheat, potato, etc.</li> <li>- much published literature</li> <li>- contract labs</li> <li>- codominant markers</li> <li>- readily score as alleles once genetics determined</li> <li>- one month from seed to data (genomic DNA)</li> </ul>	<p>\$1-3/dp</p> <p>100 samples x 100 markers, 2-3 months; 2 fulltime people</p>
RAPD	<p>issued U.S. patent to DuPont only use under license from DuPont research exemption clear??</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no technological barriers, primers readily available</li> <li>- much published literature</li> <li>- dominant markers</li> <li>- ability to score alleles?</li> <li>- one week from seed to data (PCR technique)</li> </ul>	<p>\$3-4/dp</p>

**SSR**

**patent pending (J.L. Weber of Marshfield Clinic, Wisconsin ) on C-A, G-T repeats**

**patent pending (C.T Caskey and A.O. Edwards of Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX) on numerous SSRs and fluorescent tagged labeling**

**research exemption?**

**licenses needed for non-research use**

- primers published and commercially available for soybean from Research Genetics in Huntsville, AL
- several publications in many animal and plant species
- primers being developed for corn and other species
- improved fluorescent tag technology being developed
- may be available as kits that would standardize and include patent license and administration costs
- codominant markers
- score readily as alleles once genetic control established
- one week from seed to data (PCR Technique)

**\$0.27/dp - \$0.36/dp  
(multiplexed at 3-6 loci/lane, respectively)  
2 fulltime in 12 months could generate and database 200,000dp**

<b>DAF</b>	patent pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- published upon for several species</li> <li>- primers can be readily synthesised</li> <li>- complex profiles might compromise repeatability</li> <li>- dominant markers</li> <li>- ability to score alleles?</li> </ul>	
<b>AP-PCR</b>	not patented publicly available	- as RAPD	
<b>AFLP</b>	European and U.S. Patents pending use under license from Keygene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- information on primers and restriction enzymes from Keygene</li> <li>- relatively easy to get up and running to find many new polymorphisms in familiar and unfamiliar species</li> <li>- 80% dominant markers scoring most bands as alleles likely after genetics worked out</li> </ul>	<p>188 samples x 120 dominant markers or 376 samples x 60 dominant markers; 1 month; 2 fulltime people</p> <p>cost/dp:- 0.20/dp for polymorphic crops (maize); \$1/dp for less polymorphic crops (soybean, wheat)</p>
		- one week from seed to data (PCR technique)	