Facilitating development of databases
For DUS examination

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- (a) Variety descriptions and the role of plant material, including minimum number of growing cycles for DUS examination

- (b) Quality parameters for DUS examination

- (c) **Facilitating development of databases**

- (d) Minimum distance between varieties

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(c) Facilitating development of databases

Introduction and context

Cooperation with databases

An example among others: GEMMA peach database

What we have learnt: The conditions to settle such a cooperation and how to facilitate

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Facilitating development of databases Introduction and context

- DUS is based on worldwide reference collections
  →Distinctness = **the key point** of the DUS
- Limits: no one can pretend to have a complete worldwide reference collections
- →how to optimize ?

Centralize the DUS examination	Work with an organized network of DUS examination offices
cheaper, easier ?	
Monopole, concentration of expertise, lack of information?	Requires organization and agreements to cooperate

In any case, need to strengthen the expertise of the examiner

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Cooperation with databases - a solution ? and how ?

| Work with an organized network of DUS examination offices

Requires organization and agreements to cooperate |

→A solution : merge the DUS expertise
in a commun system, at disposal of each EO
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International DUS Databases managed by EOs, collaborating to share data and to check the Distinctness together

→- A community of EO's sharing the same approach of the Distinctness criteria in terms of tools → common rules : an agreement and a commitment of the EOs

- A data base with several data:

PHENOTYPE + PICTURES + MOLECULAR DATA[+ DNA]
into a common database, shared on the internet

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Cooperation with databases - Common procedure, common rules

→Technical rules :

- 1. same way to note and to introduce data + all DUS characteristics or only the most reliable= a calibration book and ring tests if needed

-2.common tool for DUS data

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→ A procedure to check the Distinctness:

-an agreement on how to check the Distinctness:

.inside its own DUS collection

. then, inside the common DUS database to:

i) define the set of closest varieties,

ii) check D at the end of each DUS cycle.

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● **A common tool : a web-based database**

– To integrate different type of data (Molecular data + Digital pictures) whatever the couple Species/Country
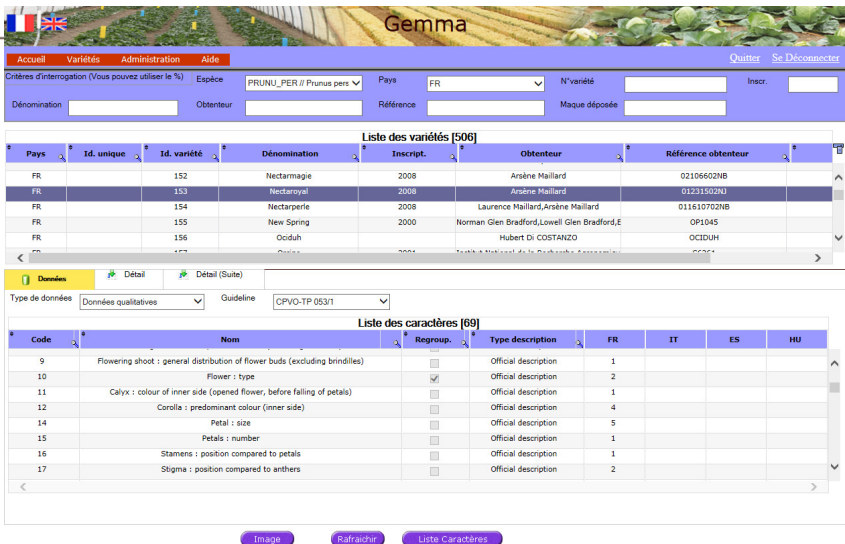
– To support multi langage

– To define access rights

GEMMA   http://gem.geves.info/gem/

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- Work and collaboration still in progress ! Not easy and not quick to build !

- **A common tool : a web based database**

- A **ring test**   A common set of DUS characteristics   A common calibration book

- A common choice of the data to include in the database : some DUS data, some administrative data, pictures

- **A common agreement** – how to feed the database

- **A common agreement** – how to use the database

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What we have learnt: The conditions to settle such a cooperation and how to facilitate

Many questions to be tackled in advance

Commitment of the EOs

Calibration book and ring test

Share a PHENOTYPE + PICTURES + [MOLECULAR DATA + DNA]

In a common tool

Common agreement to feed the database

Common agreement to use the database – common decision rules

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