

St. Gallen, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

## **2<sup>nd</sup> IMAGE Dialogue Forum INVITATION**

### **Sanitary regulations**

*Possibilities and hindrances for the exchange of gene bank material  
for breeding and science*

Dear Sir /Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the **2<sup>nd</sup> IMAGE Dialogue Forum  
in Tallinn, Estonia on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 4 pm.**

The event will take place just after the European Regional Focal Point (ERFP) meeting and before the EAAP conference.

The address of the venue is:

*Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia  
Lai Str 39 / 41  
15056 Tallinn  
Estonia*

IMAGE – Innovative Management of Animal Genetic Resources – was founded on 1st March 2016 by a consortium of 28 partners, including SMEs, NGOs, universities and scientific institutions. The aim of IMAGE is to enhance the use of genetic collections and to upgrade animal gene bank management. IMAGE sets out to achieve a better exploitation of DNA information and develop methodologies, biotechnologies and bioinformatics for rationalising animal genetic resources.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> IMAGE Dialogue Forum** will focus on sanitary rules and regulations that affect the use and exchange of gene bank material in conservation breeding, commercial breeding and science. Furthermore, general questions like development of common standards for old material will be discussed. Rules and procedures will be outlined, best practises identified, and needs for a simpler way for exchange of material for all subject areas mentioned above will be formulated.

The meeting will include oral presentations as well as discussions in smaller groups followed by a plenary presentation of the results. Networking and interdisciplinary talks will take place after the meeting around 6.30 pm with **drinks and nibbles**.

To prepare the meeting as properly as possible, you are asked to fill in the registration form and the attached questions, which you find in the attachment of your invitation email. Please send the documents to [michael.klaffenboeck@boku.ac.at](mailto:michael.klaffenboeck@boku.ac.at) as soon as possible, with the latest possible date being **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

We are looking forward to meeting you in Tallinn!

Sincerely Yours

The IMAGE Dialogue Forum Team



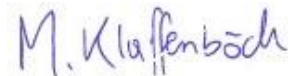
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