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**Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase X)  
Second Call for proposals**  
**Subject: Proposal "UMORPHEAS"**

Dear Andreas,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 28 October 2019, approved for funding the proposal "Updated MORPHological dDescriptors for Avena Species (UMORPHEAS)", provided you take on board the recommendations listed below:

- 1) As far as possible, involve the entire Working Group as appropriate during the process of descriptor list development in order to reach a full WG agreement on the descriptors, at the end of the project.
- 2) Include an additional product, that is a description of the protocols for taking photos of the characterization descriptors
- 3) Encourage the primary holding countries to include into AEGIS the accessions that you will exchange and use for your tests
- 4) Take into consideration that FAO-Treaty Secretariat is in the process of revising a number of internationally accepted descriptors, including the 1985 IPGRI oat descriptors. It will be important to connect your Activity with the FAO Activity in order to finalize a joint product. The ECPGR Secretariat will help you to establish the link.

Please inform the ECPGR Secretariat if you agree to implement the Activity accepting the above recommendations.

Please also note that the Steering Committee will have to clear the decision with regard to the partnership in the project. The Secretariat will then contact you as soon as the above formalities are completed, regarding Letters of Agreement to be prepared with the partners and the organization of the meetings.

Please don't hesitate to contact the ECPGR Secretariat should you need any further clarification.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the partners involved in this proposal and look forward to a successful implementation.

Best wishes,



Marianne Lefort  
Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee