

Translation from the Polish.

AGREEMENT of 20 August 1979.

between the Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Science, University Education and Engineering, Minister of Light Industry and the Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences on the organization of collecting and maintaining of plant gene banks.

To facilitate and improve the efficiency of collecting and maintaining national plant gene banks and to secure starting material for breeding and research it is hereby decided as follows :

1. The Minister of Agriculture shall establish a National Department of Plant Gene Resources in the Institute of Breeding and Acclimation of Plants.
2. The duties of the National Department of Plant Gene Resources shall comprise :
  - coordination of the operation of Leading Collections, to be mentioned in sec. 4;
  - running central information services on collected material;
  - development of an unified method of maintaining the collection;
  - training in the methods of maintaining the collection;
  - initiating and organizing exploration in Poland and abroad;
  - representation of Poland in international INSTITUTIONS In the matters relating to collection and maintaining plant gene resources;
  - controlling of substantive activities of the Leading Collections.
3. The Scientific Council of the Institute of Breeding and Acclimation of Plants, which is to create a section for plant gene banks, shall be the consulting authority of the Management of the National Department of Plant Gene Resources,
4. The Ministers of Agriculture, of the Light Industry and the Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences shall cause formation of Leading Collections specializing in defined species(genera) or groups of species of plants in the subordinate to them establishments specified in the Annex hereto and shall secure the conditions necessary for their operation.

5. The term "Leading Collection" shall denote an organizational unit carrying out the collection of live plants (genera, varieties, selected breeding lineage, mutants, ecotypes and natural populations) with defined features important for research and practical breeding purposes.

6. The range of duties of the Leading Collections shall comprise :

- collection and continuous enlarging of plant resources through the exchange of materials and collection from natural standings and cultivated fields;
- maintaining of these materials in conditions ensuring their usefulness and genetic purity;
- evaluation under field and laboratory conditions, keeping records and exchange of information and materials of all forms of plants in Poland;
  - informing the National Department of Plant Gene Resources of the Institute of Breeding and Acclimation of Plants (IHAR) about the stock of material possessed and material assessment results in accordance with the methods defined.
  - lodging suggestions to the National Department of Plant Gene Resources of the IHAR concerning international cooperation within the scope of its specialization.

7. The Ministers of Agriculture, of Science, University Education and Engineering, of the Light Industry and the Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences oblige the managers of the subordinate to them organizational units possessing a collection of plants to :

- submit to the Leading Collections and to the National Department of Plant Gene Resources IHAR all specifications of the possessed plant forms till 1 December 1979 and thereafter shall systematically inform the Leading Collections and the National Department of Plant Gene Resources IHAR about the newly acquired material;
- transfer free of charge on request of the Leading Collections and the National Department of Plant Gene Resources IHAR all the possessed forms within one year of the date of acquisition.

8. The materials in the Leading Collections shall be catalogued in the National Department of Plant Gene Resources IHAR catalogue and shall consist State property.

9. The Minister of Agriculture shall cover the costs of running and developing the National Department of Plant Gene Resources IHAR.

10. The costs of running and developing Leading Collections shall be covered by the appropriate Ministers within which the Leading Collections had been established, and in case of the Polish Academy of Sciences by the Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

11. This agreement is enacted on the day of its signing.

The Minister of Agriculture : (-), Henryk Burczyk, Dr., Hab., Under-Secretary of State.

The Minister of Science, University Education and Engineering : (-), Mieczysław Kazimierzczuk, MA., Under-Secretary of State.

The Minister of Light Industry : (-), Wiesław Szymczak, MSc., Eng., Under-Secretary of State.

Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences : (-), Tadeusz Orłowski, First Deputy of the Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

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Annex to the Agreement of 20 August 1979.

SPECIFICATION OF LEADING COLLECTIONS.

1. Wheat	IHAR	Radzikow
2. Barley	IHAR	Radzikow
3. Rye	IHAR	Radzikow
4. Oats	IHAR	Radzikow
5. Triticale	Agricultural Academy	Lublin
6. Corn	IHAR	Smolice
7. Grasses	IHAR	Bydgoszcz
8. Lupin	Plant Breeding Station	Wiatrowa
9. Horse bean	IHAR	Radzikow
10. Soya	IHAR	Radzikow
11. Clover, alfalfa	IHAR	Krakow
12. Sugar & fodder beet	IHAR	Bydgoszcz
13. Oily plants (popy, rapeseed, sunflower)	IHAR	Poznan (Borowo)
14. Pea, serradella, lintel	Union of Agr. and Hort. Plant Breeding Station	Seed Prod. Wiatrowa
15. Vegetables	Vegetables Inst.	Skierniewice
16. Potato	Potato Inst.	Bonin
17. Orchard plants	Pomicultural Inst.	Skierniewice
18. Decorative plants	Pomicultural Inst.	Skierniewice
19. Fibrous plants	Inst. Nat. Fibres	Poznan
20. Tobacco, hop, buck- wheat	Inst. Cult. Fert. and Soil Science	Pulawy
21. Wild species of cultivated plants	The Botany Garden of the Pol. Acad. Sci.	Warsaw, Powsin

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