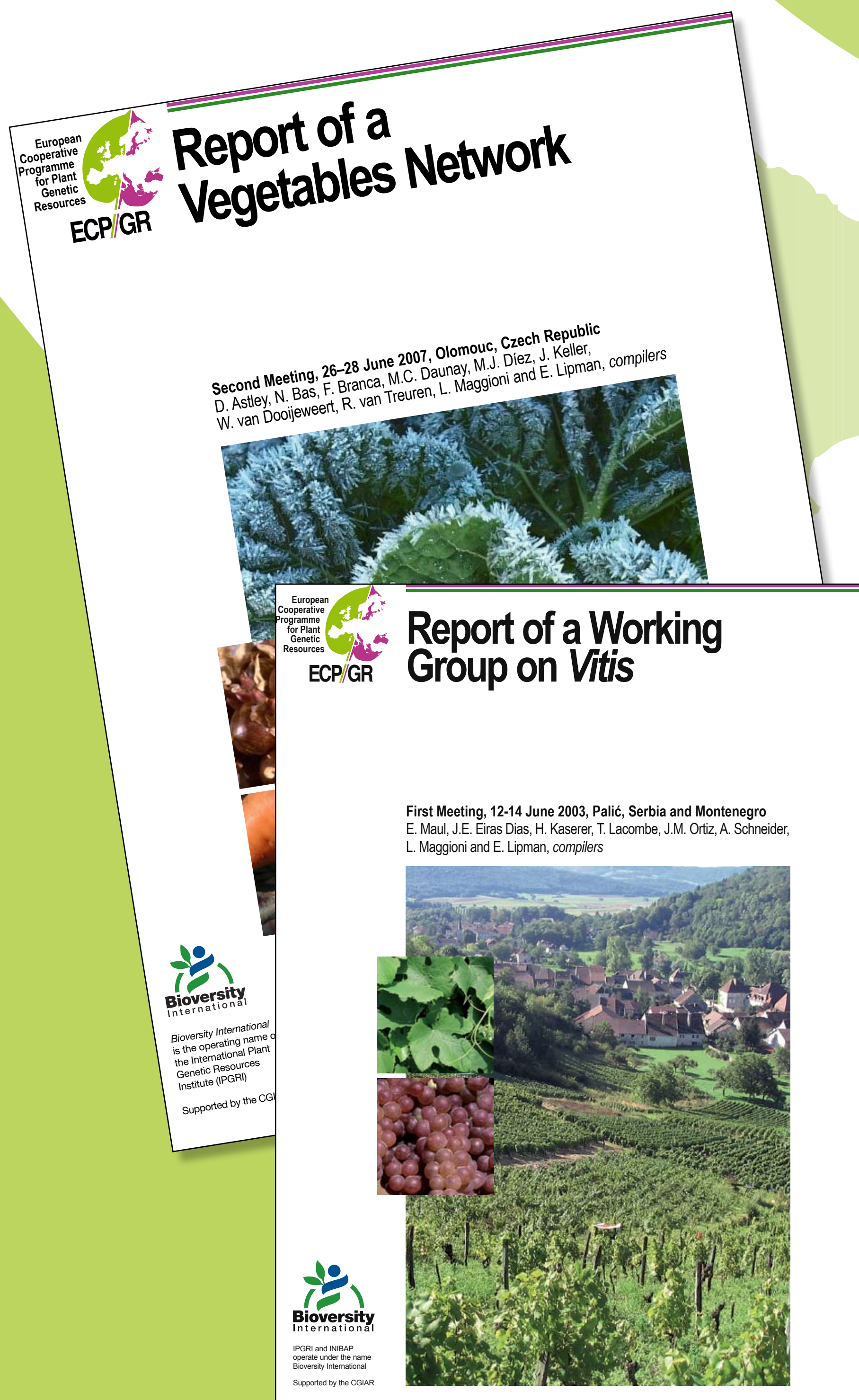




The European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources

The European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources involves countries in a joint effort to ensure the long-term use and conservation of plant genetic resources in Europe. As of April 2009, 41 countries participate in the ECPGR Programme.

Founded in 1980, ECPGR is financed by participating countries and coordinated by a Secretariat based at Bioversity International. ECPGR is guided by a Steering Committee. ECPGR operates through broadly focused networks dealing with groups of crops or general themes related to plant genetic resources. ECPGR promotes the sharing of conservation responsibilities in the region by strengthening links between stakeholders, including national institutions concerned with plant genetic resources, NGOs and private breeders.



Examples of some of the Programme's more recent collaborative outputs include European Central Crop Databases containing online data about crop accessions from European collections; EURISCO, the world's largest online catalogue containing passport data on *ex situ* collections maintained in Europe and AEGIS, A European Genebank Integrated System, an initiative to promote the rational conservation and exchange of crop genetic resources in Europe.

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Cereals; Forages; Fruit; Oil and Protein Crops; Sugar, Starch and Fibre Crops; Vegetables; Documentation and Information; *In situ* and On-farm Conservation; Inter-regional Cooperation.



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