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EDITORIAL

AARINENA Executive Committee held its meeting in Muscat Oman last January. The meeting was chaired by the President of AARINENA and attended by Cosponsors representatives from FAO, ICARDA, BI and GFAR. The Committee reviewed the progress on the work plan achieved since its last meeting and recommended important actions to be taken in to consideration. Constitutional amendments to include representatives from CGIAR, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and GFAR as full members to the Committee were adopted for submission to the 11th General Conference. The committee recommended ICARDA to represent CGIAR and the elected Non Governmental Organizations member to represent CSOs at the Committee.

It recommended submitting the proposal on the Plant Genetic Recourses Network in the WANA region to member countries to seek their interest in hosting this new network. It also recommended to informally launching Near Regional Agricultural Knowledge and Information Network in January before formal launching at the 11th General Conference. The Committee approved the membership of the Arab Society for Plant Protection on reciprocal basis.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for the establishment of North Africa Sub region organization and recommended to prepare a memorandum of understating between AARINENA and FARA regarding this proposal for presentation at AARINENA General Conference. The Committee recommended to hold AARINENA 11th General Conference during the period 20-22 October 2008 in Damascus , Syria that will include a consultation on the priority setting exercise.

We are looking forward for all members to actively participate in the next 11th General Conference for approving constitutional amendments, adopting work plan for the next three years and electing new executive committee members. Your participation and valuable contribution and interaction during this conference will strengthen the role of AARINENA in promoting research for agricultural development and promoting partnerships among all stakeholders in our region.

Executive Secretary

