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Abstract

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Conservation of plant biodiversity in natural habitats

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Conservation of plant biodiversity in natural habitats, *in situ*, is becoming a concern of the world community. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)'s Agenda 21, which was adopted at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, urged nations to take responsibility for conservation of indigenous biodiversity, including the wider gene pool of crops. Syria, which is located in the heart of one of three world nuclear centers of agricultural origin, is rich in wild ancestors and relatives of globally or regionally important crops: wheat, barley, lentil, chickpea, vetch, chickling (*Lathyrus* spp.) and annual medics. These wild species have been growing in these areas for millennia and during their long history of existence they have accumulated a number of genes for adaptation for tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses. These genes may be needed in current or future crop improvement programs.

Unfortunately, a part of the original biodiversity in this region has been lost due to several adverse factors. Among the most determinate are overgrazing by small ruminants and a loss of the natural habitat caused by changes in traditional farming practice (cultivation of grazing land, fallow replacement), by urbanization and other human activities. The loss of genetic diversity in a crop gene pool is called "genetic erosion". This negative trend is especially severe in most wild crop progenitors, not only in Syria, but also in other countries of the Near East. Recently, the Syrian national program, in collaboration with international centers, has conducted a number of collection trips during the last two decades to locate and sample the remaining populations for conservation in gene banks (*ex situ*). Although this joint effort yielded a number of new gene bank accessions, the trips conducted and subsequent studies revealed two factors for concern.

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Title

The title should give the reader what the paper is about. Therefore, it should be brief and informative. Use common names for crops and avoid abbreviations. The usual limit for a title is 12 nouns (that is, not counting “the”, “of”, “and”, etc).

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References

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Journal article

Damania, A.B. 2002. The Hindustani center of origin of important plants. *Asian Agri-History* 6: 333-341.

Murphy, P.J., J.R. Witcombe, P.R. Shewry and B.J. Miflin. 2002. The origin of six-rowed barley from the Western Himalaya. *Euphytica* 31: 183-192.

Books

Brues, A.M. and G.A. Sacher. 1952. Mineral Cycling in South-eastern Ecosystems. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, USA.

Rawson, H. 1981. A Dictionary of Euphemisms and Other Doubletalk. Crown Publishers, New York, NY, USA.

Chapter in a Book

Bari, A., A. Della and J. Konopka. 1998. Locating diversity using germplasm passport data and herbarium records: case of *Aegilops* in Cyprus. Pages 53-56. *in* Use of Triticeae in Wheat Improvement (A.A. Jaradat, ed.). Science Publishers, Enfield, NH, USA.

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Chapter in Symposium Proceedings

Amri, A., J. Valkoun, M. Ajlouni, R. Assi, Y. Sbeith and A. Saad. 2003. Promotion of in-situ conservation of dryland agrobiodiversity in West Asia. Pages 38-39 *in* Sustainable development and management of dry lands in the 21st century: Proceedings of the

Seventh International Conference on Development of Dry Lands. 14-17 September 2003, Tehran, Iran.

Hawtin, G.C. 1982. The genetic improvement of faba bean. Pages 15-32 in Faba Bean Improvement: Proceedings of the Faba Bean Conference (G. Hawtin and C. Webb, eds.), ICARDA/IFAD Nile Valley Project, 7-11 March 1981, Cairo, Egypt. Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, The Hague, The Netherlands.

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Entire Proceedings

Hawtin, G. and C. Webb (eds.). 1982. Faba Bean Improvement: Proceedings of the Faba Bean Conference (G. Hawtin and C. Webb, eds.), ICARDA/IFAD Nile Valley project, 7-11 March 1981, Cairo, Egypt. Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, The Hague, The Netherlands.

ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid tropics). 1975. Proceedings of the International Workshop on Grain Legumes. ICRISAT, 18-20 January, Hyderabad, India. ICRISAT, Patancheru, AP, India.

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Un-published reports and papers

Avoid quoting the above

Personal Communication

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Tables

Each table title should be self-explanatory. All Tables should be numbered consecutively and referred to in the text at appropriate places as Table 12 (for example). Do NOT embed your table in the body of the paper. Include it at the end of your paper or in separate files. There should be only one table per page.

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Photographs

Photographs can be submitted as *.jpeg or *.tiff files only. Color photographs do not reproduce well in black and white. However, if the subject is bright they can be included.

Grammar and spellings

Please use grammar and spellings as mentioned in the *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*.

Numbers

Use a numerical or numerals

- i) For expressing any number that immediately precedes a standard unit of measure (abbreviated):
- ii) 3 g 18 mm 300 m²

Date, etc.

For a date, an expression of time, a page number, a percentage, a decimal quantity, or a numerical designation:

4 March 1993 the time is 08:15 page 218
37.8 g a magnification of 50 27%

For a number implying arithmetical manipulation

18 multiplied by 2 a factor of 2

In most situations not mentioned above, use words for numbers one through nine and numerals for larger numbers:

Seven plants two flowers 15 leaves 28 pods

In a series containing some numbers of 10 or more and some less than 10, use numerals for all:

Germplasm scientists collected 5 genotypes of chickpea, 25 of durum wheat, 19 of faba bean, and 7 of lentil from a village near Aleppo.

Do not begin a sentence with a numeral:

Twenty-five seeds were sown in each pot.

If two related numbers occur at the beginning of a sentence, only the first need be spelled out:

Fifty or 60 seeds were sown in each pot.

In writing large number ending in several zeros, either substitute a word for part of the number or add an appropriate prefix to a basic unit of measurement:

1.6 million (NOT 1,600,000) 23 μ g (NOT 0.000023 g)

Use numerals for all numbers referring to figures and tables:

Fig. 22. Table 13.

In general, use the decimal system rather than fractions:

About one-third of the plants in the field survived the disease.

All surviving plants (1/3 of those sprayed) were selected for crosses.

Dates and time

Write the day, month and year in this form:

12 April 1993 (NOT April 12, 1993)

Periods or seasons extending over parts of two successive calendar years should be indicated by the use of a solidus (forward slash):

The 1980/81 season winter of 1979/80 fiscal year 1992/93

Use a hyphen to indicate continuing numbers – dates, time, or reference numbers:

1985-92 9:00-10:00 a.m.

April-May 1993 pp. 40-55.

From 1985 to 1992 (NOT from 1985-92)

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

From April to May

Between 1985 and 1992 (NOT between 1975-92)

Spell out particular centuries:

Twentieth century (NOT 20th century)

Use full number for decades:

1960s (NOT 60s or sixties)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstracts (up to 300 words) should be submitted to the Agrobiodiversity Organizing Committee (AOC) by **December 15, 2004**;
- Selected papers for oral presentations or posters will be notified by **January 15, 2005**;
- Papers should be submitted by **April 15, 2005** according to authors' guidelines (above).
- Papers will be refereed. Final versions of papers must be received by the AOC by **May 15, 2005**.
- A publication based on the presentations will be produced by ICARDA in **2006**.