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1. Project: NRSP-6: INTER-REGIONAL POTATO INTRODUCTION PROJECT

Introduction, Preservation, Classification, Distribution and Evaluation of *Solanum*_Species.

2. COOPERATIVE AGENCIES AND PRINCIPAL LEADERS

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3. PROGRESS AND PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Introduction of New Stocks

Dr. Spooner participated in a successful collecting expedition to Bolivia in the winter of 1994 (Jan. 1 - Feb. 26) with Dr. van den Berg (The Netherlands), Dr. Garcia-Fernandez (Bolivia), and Dr. Luisa-Ugarte (Bolivia). This joint collecting expedition procured 47 accessions. The purpose of this trip was to recollect in many of the localities visited in the 1993 Bolivia expedition where no seeds or tubers could be found due to unseasonably wet weather. This collection will be increased at the German/Dutch genebank and shared among all cooperating agencies. Forty-four herbarium specimens were added to the NRSP-6 herbarium, PTIS.

Dr. Bamberg had a successful trip to SW Arizona to observe reproductive behavior of the native wild potato species and collected 8 additional germplasm samples (from diverse sites not previously represented in the genebank). This work is part of the intergenebank research project to investigate genetic drift in nature versus genebank maintenance.

B. <u>Preservation and Increase of Stocks</u>

In 1994, 207 accessions were increased. Ninety-seven accessions were received from U.S. Quarantine for a joint seed increase and Quarantine virus testing at NRSP-6. Of the 97 accessions 26 failed to germinate, 5 were not released by quarantine and 66 are being incorporated into the NRSP-6 inventory.

There were 58 new PI numbers assigned in 1994: 18 late blight breeding stocks from CIP, 19 accessions collected by Dr. Spooner in South America and 21 accessions from other South American collections.

This year a total of 1,344 potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTV) tests were performed on seed increases, seed lots and research materials. Germination tests were performed on 1,186 accessions. Many accessions were concurrently used for PSTV testing of new seedlots, field plantings for testing seedlot purity, or research plantings.

A new catalog, <u>Elite Selections of Tuber-bearing Solanum Species Germplasm</u>, was published. It is based on evaluation for disease, pest, and stress resistance of NRSP-6 stocks, listing the most resistant accessions for each. The complete evaluation dataset is also available in electronic form, hard copy, or on the GRIN (Genetic Resource Information Network) system.

C. <u>Classification</u>

Taxonomic determinations were performed on numerous plantings by Dr. Spooner. Dr. Spooner also continues taxonomic research on species relationships through international collaboration with Dr. Clausen (Argentina), R. Castillo (Ecuador), Dr. van den Berg (Netherlands), and A. Rodrigues (Mexico). These studies will provide a more stable and meaningful taxonomy for NRSP-6 stocks in the future.

D. Distribution

NRSP-6 distributed 5,348 units of seed (50 seeds per unit), 829 tuber families and 837 in vitro stocks to clientele in 18 states of the United States and 17 other countries. Internally, NRSP-6 used 12,989 units of seed for chromosome counts, germination tests, identification and taxonomic check plantings, in-vitro maintenance, seed increases, PSTV tests, and miscellaneous plantings. The volume and types of stocks sent to various consignee categories are summarized in the table below.

	Units ¹				
Category	S	TF	IVS	TOTAL	PI'S
Domestic	4,046	303	718	5,067	3,587
Foreign	1,302	526	115	1,943	900
NRSP-6 ²	12,989	0	4	12,993	2,382
Total	18,337	829	837	20,003	6,869

VOLUME AND TYPES OF STOCKS DISTRIBUTED

1 Types of stocks sent/(number of seeds, tubers or plantlets per standard shipping unit): S= True Seeds/(50), TF= Tuber Families/(10), IVS=in vitro stocks/(1).

2 Includes chromosome counts, germination tests, ID and Taxonomic check plantings, in vitro maintenance, seed increases, PSTV tests, and miscellaneous plantings.

E. Evaluation of Stocks

Mission

The project's mission with respect to evaluation is to locate and characterize useful traits so that the best materials and most efficient approaches are available for subsequent germplasm enhancement.

1. Tuber Traits

Wild species do not produce tubers in the long days of North American summers, so their tuber traits cannot be assessed in the field. A project was initiated in 1993 in which wild accessions are being systematically crossed with adapted (cultivated) forms to produce F_2 true seed families. This moved the potential valuable tuber traits of species to a background in which they can be revealed. In the fall of 1993 the first tubers from our F_2 tuber traits project were harvested from the field. We also continue to produce the F_1 and F_2 seed lots for other accessions in the tuber traits project, and will advertise these to our cooperators as they become available.

2. Frost Hardiness

Work was continued on frost hardiness and its relationship to calcium uptake into the foliage, determination of the inheritance of cold tolerance among potato species, and methods of crossing this into cultivated forms.

3. Tuber Calcium

Progress was made on a stepwise "fine screening" program identifying species, then accessions within species, then individuals within accessions with outstanding ability to accumulate tuber calcium. This trait has been shown to be closely associated with resistance to important storage rots and other tuber quality traits. These materials will be powerful tools for studying physiology and genetics of the trait and for use in breeding.

4. Colorado Potato Beetle

The CPB project continues to examine the intra-population variation for various parameters of CPB resistance. Significant intra-accession variation was found for every parameter, even in extremely resistant families. The resistant clones within accessions will be intermated to determine if seedlots pure for "ultra-resistance" can be synthesized by selection.

5. GA Locus

Experiments were continued to characterize a gibberellin deficiency locus with respect to effects on yield, chipping and specific gravity. Gibberellin affects many economic traits of potato (sprouting, day-length adaptation, and carbohydrate accumulation). A better understanding of the genetic and physiological bases of these important traits will help to facilitate their improvement.

6. <u>Male Fertility in Heat Stress</u>

Continued screening for male fertility in heat stress identified one species combining abundant flowering and viable pollen even under severe heat stress. This trait should be valuable in True Potato Seed (TPS) production in hot climates and may have application in the tomato crop.

7. Nitrogen-use Efficiency

This project represents the first systematic evaluation of potato germplasm for nitrogen-use efficiency. A "mini-core" collection of 39 wild potato species was evaluated for biomass accumulation in field plots given low and normal nitrogen applications. Differences were found in species' ability to accumulate nitrogen at both low and normal nitrogen levels, exceeding those of the check varieties.

8. Bee Pollinations

Three non-compatible accessions of wild potatoes were grown in each of two screened cages in the field this summer. One hive of 10-15 bees (*Bombus impatiens*) was alternated between the two cages with one day of abstinence before being switched. Fruit and seed set was excellent, even for some accessions which are known to be difficult to increase via hand pollinations. Investigations will continue on the possibility of bee pollination for seed production.

9. Characterization for Utility Traits

The success of using *Solanum* germplasm for breeding is influenced by relative plant vigor, flowering, pollen shed and pollen viability. Relative scores for these parameters were published in the <u>Elite Selections...</u> publication. Characterization of the collection for these traits continues.

F. Inter-genebank Collaboration

In August, the fifth meeting of the Association of Potato Inter-genebank Collaborators (APIC) was held in St. Petersburg, Russia. St. Petersburg was chosen as the meeting site in order to meet Russian colleagues and get an overview of their programs and facilities so that they might be brought more closely into collaboration in the APIC organization. Participating genebanks were represented by R. Hoekstra (BGRC), J. Bamberg (NRSP-6), Z. Huaman (CIP), K. Schuler (GLKS), J. Hawkes (CPC), G. Razoryonov (VIR), S. Kiru (VIR), J. Frcek (Czech Republic), Dr. K. Budin (VIR), Dr. L. Gorbatenco (VIR), and J. Domkarova (VIR).

S. Kiru (VIR) gave an overview of their potato collection. They have about 3,500 wild species accessions, very rich in diversity but very poor with respect to seed quantities and virus diseases. Funding at this point is for maintenance only, no evaluation, virus testing or virus elimination.

Z. Huaman (CIP) reported on the status of the IPD (Intergene-bank Potato Database). Which now contains about 8,600 unique accessions and comprises 220 taxa, of which 50% are from 14 species. This database gives curators the first opportunity to assess need for seed increase, backup, collecting, and exchange, from a global perspective.

J. Bamberg reported on the joint APIC research project to measure genetic diversity in two model wild potato species. This year multiple polymorphic RAPD markers were developed for each family of the test materials. A complimentary field experiment was conducted, and the materials were scored for morphological characteristics which appear to vary within and among the families. Data is now being computerized and analyzed. This project is providing NRSP-6 and other cooperating international potato genebanks with the first empirical information about how to most efficiently manage and collect germplasm.

G. Visitors from Other Countries

Dr. Jose Buso, EMBRAPA, Brasillia, Brazil

Dr. Pramod Jha, Environmental Protection Council, Katmandu, Nepal

Dr. Uriel Maldonado, PICTIPAPA, Toluca, Mexico

Dr. Tom Stones, Potex LTD, Newcastle, England

Dr. Antonio Torres, EMBRAPA, Brasillia, Brazil

4. <u>USEFULNESS OF FINDINGS</u>

NRSP-6's purpose is to provide a ready source of raw materials, technology and information which support potato enhancement, breeding and research in the US and around the world. Thus, one way the success of NRSP-6 can be measured is by the use of NRSP-6 germplasm in the pedigrees of new, improved potato cultivars. Another is in the use of NRSP-6 stocks in more basic research programs which also ultimately contribute to human utilization of the potato crop, these being reflected in publications.

Five varietal releases were published in the American Potato Journal in 1994: 'A.C. Ptarmigan', 'Maine Chip', 'Goldrush', 'Prestile', and 'Russet Bake King'. All are known to have wild species' introductions in their pedigrees.

Section 6 lists 92 papers, 26 abstracts, and 9 theses reporting the use of NRSP-6 *Solanum* introductions this year.

5. WORK PLANNED FOR 1995

Dr. Spooner will participate in a collecting expedition to Guatemala in October and November 1995.

Participation in APIC will continue to improve exchange, quarantine, collection, documentation, technology transfer, safety backup and international relationships worldwide as related to potato germplasm. Specifically, we will publish and distribute the IPD (Intergene-bank Potato Database), and continue RAPD and morphological analysis of materials used in the joint research project. We will pursue the possibility of mapping the origins of the accessions in the IPD via computer and host Dr. Stepan Kiru (VIR) as a visitor to NRSP-6 in the summer of 1995, possibly in conjunction with the 7th meeting of APIC.

We plan to upgrade greenhouse compartments 1-5, replace Lexan hold down strips, install sidewalks, improve vents and thermostatic controls.

Research projects will continue with the goal of uncovering and characterizing useful traits in germplasm which can be utilized by other scientists (see Section E., *Evaluation...*).

The general objective of NRSP-6 to promote and facilitate potato research and breeding will be pursued by continuing high quality service with respect to introduction, preservation, classification, evaluation, and distribution of potato germplasm to clients in the U.S. and around the world.

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