

PROCINORTE ACTIVITY REPORT

1. Identification:

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Name of the Activity	Animal GRIN-Training course
Location	National Laboratory for Genetic Resources Preservation, ARS-USDA, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
Duration	23/10/2016 – 29/10/2016
Date of Report	15/11/2016

2. Objective: To receive training on how to use the informatics system named Animal-GRIN (Animal Genetic Resources Information Network), which has been developed by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken:

- Trainees learned about the history and creation of the Animal-GRIN System, which has been developed by the Agricultural Research Service.
- They also learned about the structure of the website where the Animal-GRIN is hosted and the capabilities it has to be consulted by the public, as well as the structure that we will use at Mexico, to upload the information of our animal genetic resources and generate our own databases.
- They performed practice uploads to the system, introducing real data they took for the training, receiving feedback and trouble solving by the NLGRP staff.
- They generated a site hosted in the system, to initiate the Animal-Genetic Resources Information Network for Mexico.
- They toured the facilities of the Colorado State University and the National Laboratory for Genetic Resources Preservation.



4. Key Take away points:

- They get the necessary tools to initiate at home the construction of the databases for the Mexican section of Animal-GRIN
- They made the necessary contacts for getting help from the NLGRP Staff, which was kindly offered
- They built relationships with USA counterparts
- All the staff at the NLGRP was helpful and very kind, taking immediate attention of all the necessities of the trainees. That is greatly appreciated

5. Recommendations and Follow-up:

We, at the CNRG, have to start working on the uploading of the information to complete the Genetic Resources Information Network for Mexico.

A follow-up activity on 2017, including the Canadian counterpart would highly advisable, in order to have a check point on how are we doing and give feedback on our advances.

6. Photographs of the Activity

