



## **Agreed Minutes**

### **1<sup>st</sup> TMC Meetings**

Technical Management Committee (TMC)

**2012**

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### The first Meeting of Technical Management Committee (TMC)

#### Regional Rice Research and Training Center (RRRTC)

24-25<sup>th</sup> September 2012, I.R. Iran, Guilan Province, Rasht (RRII)

**Signatories: Turkey, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, IR Iran, and IRRI.**

After a two-day comprehensive and constructive discussions and deliberations on member countries' needs and opportunities for joint activities, the following agreements have been endorsed by the authorized members of the Technical Management Committee as follows:

1- It was agreed that Dr. Necmi Beser, member from Turkey, be appointed as the President of TMC for 2012-2013 (for one year);

2- It was agreed that for the initial activities and based on the priority needs of member countries, the following regional training courses shall be held in Rasht (RRII), I. R., Iran during 2013 to be attended by at least one participant from each member country, namely:

- a. Rice Production (two weeks, June/July 2013)
- b. Rice Breeding (one week, July/August 2013)

3- It was further agreed to increase the number of participants to those courses, the participating countries shall be encouraged to cover travel costs of the second participant while the first participant's airticket and enroute expenses shall be covered by GRiSP/IRRI and the local costs to be borne by AREEO;

4- It was also agreed that the Coordinator of Regional Center shall visit all member countries as part of his TOR. Initially, he shall be accompanied by an international affair expert from AREEO, to visit Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan and Iraq to present a comprehensive overview of the Regional Center and its objectives and identify the proper candidates from these countries to participate in these courses;

5- It was also agreed that the Regional Coordinator with the assistance from AREEO and IRRI shall take the lead in exploring other funding possibilities available at the regional and international donor agencies to fund the recommended collaborative activities particularly the identified joint research and training activities of the Regional Center. The details of these activities shall be specified depending on the funding priorities of the concerned donor agencies;

6- Finally, it was agreed the 2<sup>nd</sup> TMC annual meeting shall be held in September, 2013 in Turkey to be hosted by Trakya Agricultural Research Institute, Edirne, Turkey.

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