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Workpackage 1.1 Barley Genetics
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Workpackage 1.4 Barley Pathology
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Workpackage 1.7 Sustainable Crop Systems

SEERAD Flexible Fund

SCR/589/02 Novel methodologies and tools for the analysis of germplasm collections.

SCR/842/02 Elucidation of regulatory and signalling networks that control bacterial disease development.

SCR/906/03 Factors affecting the prevalence of clones of Myzus persicae in Scotland, particularly those with

aphicide resistance, and implications for virus control in seed potatoes.

SCR/907/03 Viral-based functional genomics of the Golgi apparatus.

SCR/908/03 Post-genomic analysis of *Erwinia carotovora* virulence responses in *in vitro* and *in planta*

environments.

SCR/909/04 Function of the exon junction complex in the plant nucleolus.

SCR/910/04 The genetics of gene expression in barley.

SCR/913/05 Characterisation and development of gene silencing in *Phytophthora infestans* for high-throughput

determination of gene function.

SCR/915/06 Limiting the risk from *Phytophthora idaei* to the Scottish raspberry industry.

SCR/917/06 A review of the health benefits of oats.

BSS/842/04 Elucidation of regulatory and signalling networks that control bacterial disease development.

BSS/843/04 Control of pulmonary adenocarcinoma (jaagsiekte) in the Scottish sheep flock.

BSS/845/06 Epidemiology, population, health and infectious disease control.

BSS/035/06 Design of a sampling strategy for a survey to estimate the population density and distribution of

badgers in Scotland.

External research contracts

BBSRC Visualisation and modelling of plant morphogenesis: a dynamic toolkit for cell expression and

fluorescent cell reporters in roots.

BBSRC Visualisation and analysis of biological sequences, alignments and structures.

BBSRC Targeted induced mutation discovery in barley.

BBSRC LINK Association genetics of UK elite barley.

BBSRC LINK Role of inoculum sources in *Rhynchosporium* population dynamics and epidemics on barley.

BBSRC/University of Abertay Plant root and microbial influence on soil water relations and structural stability.

British Council ARC

Programme

BBSRC LINK

A physically based understanding of crack genesis in soil and the impact of land management

Testing trophic-functional relationships for modelling farmland diversity and functional dynamics.

and biological processes.

British Potato Council Developing effective integrated control measures for the control of black dot.

British Potato Council Improving decision-making for the management of potato disease using real-time predictive

diagnostics.

British Potato Council Independent variety trials.

British Potato Council Survey of GB blight populations. British Potato Council Erwinia chrysanthemi - the facts.

Carnegie Trust/British

Ecological Society

New Zealand collaboration.

Commercial Brassica breeding. Commercial Potato breeding.

Commercial Molecular pathology. Commercial Blackcurrant breeding.

Commercial Lipid analysis.

Commercial Quality traits in fruit.

Commercial Dormancy studies in potato.

Defra Factors affecting cross-pollination in maize and oilseed rape crops growing under typical UK

conditions.

Defra Crop physiology.

Defra/HGCA GREENGRAIN: Genetic reduction of energy use and emissions of nitrogen in cereal production

(LINK).

Defra/SEERAD Molecular breeding for root-rot resistant raspberries suitable for low input growing systems

(HortLINK).

Defra/SEERAD Integrated pest and disease management for high quality protected raspberry production.

EPSRC Novel approaches to networks of interacting autonomes.

EPSRC/University of Dundee A functional geotechnical study of how plant roots increase slope stability.

EU ECOGEN: Soil ecological and economic evaluation of genetically modified crops.

EU TREESNIPs: Developing single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers for adaptive variation

in forest trees.

EU MABDE: Mapping adaptation of barley to drought environments.



EU APOPHYS: Developing a physical and functional map of potato: creating new sources for

molecular markers to breed cultivars with multiple resistance and quality traits.

EU NOFORISK: Quantitative risk assessment strategies for novel foods.

EU ALARM project.

EU SIGMEA: Sustainable introduction of GM crops into European agriculture.

EU SAFEFOODS: Promoting food safety through a new integrated risk analysis approach for

foods

EU BIOEXPLOIT: Exploitation of natural plant biodiversity for the pesticide-free production of food.

EU Improving seed quality in cereals by manipulating gene expression and partitioning.

EU EURASNET: European alternative splicing network.

EU-SOL: High quality solanaceous crops for consumers, processors and producers by

exploration of natural biodiversity.

EU Marie Curie Training site in plant virology.

EU Marie Curie GENFUNDIV: Linking the genetic and functional diversity patterns of arbuscular mycorrhizal

fungal communities in disturbed and undisturbed environments.

EU Marie Curie Optimising the efficacy of phosphatase in the rhizosphere, increasing the sustainability of

agricultural crops.

European Science Foundation

Exploiting genomics to understand plant-nematode interactions.

Food Standards Agency Development of unified data models and data pre-processing strategies and the generation of

meaningful, standardised statistical analyses of metabolome variability in crop plants.

HDC/SEERAD/Commercial The breeding and commercial development of new raspberry varieties.

International Potato Center

(CIP)

A saturated potato mutant population for functional genomics among Solanaceae and tuber

crops

MacRobert Trust Biodiversity in Tayside.

Royal Society Fundamental biophysical processes in the restoration of severely degraded soil by vegetation.

Royal Society Involvement of the nucleolus in plant virus systemic infection.

Royal Society Molecular basis of pathogenicity in the pine nematode *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*.

Royal Society Characterisation of plant genes that confer disease resistance to oomycetes.

Scottish Enterprise Tayside Commercialisation award.

SEERAD Biodiversity Action

Grants

The Living Field Study Centre.

SEERAD/BBSRC/GSK/HDC Development of the physiological, agronomical and genetic tools for increasing L-ascorbic acid

yield from blackcurrant bushes (HortLINK).

SEERAD/BPC/Commercial Understanding and improving flavour characteristics of potato (LINK).

SEERAD/HDC Developing a marker-assisted breeding toolkit for premium sensory characters in raspberries.

SHEFC Scottish Bioinformatics Research Network (SBRN) maximising bioinformatics infrastructure for

Scottish Health, Agriculture and Industry.