

## Closing address by Prof. Andre Charrier

The International genomics Network (ICGN) was launched at this meeting held in Paris , France 4-5 April 2005. This meeting was attended by 29 scientists from 12 countries world wide.

This meeting was critical for laying a solid formation for future collaboration in coffee genomics and allowed the first important steps to be taken towards the development of thematic working groups. This included initiating the definition of the scientific working groups and their distribution among members of the network.

The meeting also provided the opportunity to discuss the functioning of the ICGN. This will facilitate the initiation of new collaborations and the creation of synergies based on the complementary skills available among the members and the diversity of interest of the participants of producing and consuming countries and from public and private sectors.

The creation of ICGN is based on the considerable interest for coffee genomics, and several partners clearly indicated their willingness for sharing information and technologies and genomics resources. The research projects to be developed by the network will increase investment in research and give a strong position to raise additional resources.

A synthetic document on the meeting will provide further background information about the establishment of the ICGN, its mission and goals, its organization (membership, e, steering committee...) as well as a brief description of the agreed thematic groups.

In conclusion, I would like to first thank the members of the organizing committee (Serge Hamon, Christophe Montagnon, Alexandre de Kochko and Philippe Lashermes) and the chairpersons of the different sessions. I would also like to thank the participants of the meeting for their active participation and positive contribution.

I think that now we are beginning a new collaborative network on coffee genomics and the progress we have made in this meeting bodes well for the future.

Long live to coffee genomics network

I wish you a safe return home.