Conference call minutes on 12/23/04 at 10:30 am CST

Participants: Jim Correll, Jan Leach, Anna McClung, Bob Fjellstrom, Neil Rutger, Yulin Jia, Scot Hulbert, Sally Leong, Jim Oard, Guo-Liang Wang, Clare Nelson, Farman Jodari, Yinong Yang, Leisha Vance

This meeting was held to discuss and coordinate responses to the Scientific and Stakeholder Advisory Board reports. The written responses must be submitted to USDA before funds for the subcontracts can be released.

Scientific Board Report Response:

In response to using the re-sequencing technology developed by Perlegen Science, it would probably be to RiceCAP’s benefit to participate at some level on this front—possibly performing both the Affymetrix chips and the Perlegen re-sequencing processes on a couple of cultivars. Additional funds will be needed to utilize the Perlegen process.

Possible funding sources:

1. Carryover from the first year of the RiceCAP budget?
2. Earmark funds for the second year
3. Other sources to be determined

Ed Kaleikau has mentioned that there may be other resequencing processes available in the next six months which might supercede the Perlegen effort.

Neil Rutger, Jan Leach, Sally Leong and Scot Hulbert were given the responsibility of drafting a letter to the Scientific Board, which states how RiceCAP should initially approach the Perlegen research and that this area will be visited in June or July of 2005.

Jan Leach was delegated the task of outlining several options on how RiceCAP might participate in this effort. Sally Leong requested a list of the varieties that are in-line now from Jan Leach.

Since Richard Bruskiewich will be conducting a seminar at the PAG meetings in which he will be demonstrating some of the databases IRRI is currently using, Clare Nelson was given the responsibility of responding to the Scientific Board regarding the database software development of RiceCAP after the San Diego meetings. A brief comment to USDA regarding the OrizaBase from Japan should also be incorporated in the response.

Anna McClung was asked to discuss partnering with Rod Wing for the first RiceCAP MAS Workshop.

Stakeholder Board Report Response:
Milling yield is to be defined in some systematic manner. Terry Siebenmorgen, John Lee Pott and Melissa Fitzgerald should all be included as advisors in regard to milling yield. Their participation would be provided in the form of written or oral input.

A meeting of the RiceCAP PI’s was set up for the Stafford room from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Sunday morning (1/16/04) during the PAG meetings in San Diego.

Progress reports of the RiceCAP research will probably be due quarterly. The yearly reports will be due in June. Resubmission of the proposal for the second year will be required. Jim Correll will discuss reporting requirements with Ed Kaleikau for further clarification on deadlines.

Guo-Liang Wang suggested discussing procedures with other CAP-funded groups.

Jan Leach will initiate the Material Transfer Agreement from IRRI to all of the other PI’s. It is uncertain whether the MTA’s only pertain to seed or to all plant material—Jan will check.

Farman Jodari suggested that backup plans for the RiceCAP research, particularly with regard to field plots, be incorporated into the response to the Stakeholder report. Backup plans should be put in place in case delays due to bad weather or stand loss occur. PI’s may want to have more than one planting date or possibly grow the same germplasm at multiple sites. The backup plans will be discussed in more detail at the RiceCAP meeting in San Diego, CA.

The executive committee is responsible for responses to both the Scientific and Stakeholder Board reports, and the responses are due the first week of January, 2005. The executive committee should submit the reports to Jim Correll at that time.