



VitisGen Project Meeting March 21-22, 2013



Executive Summary

The second annual *VitisGen* meeting of Project Directors, Collaborators, and Industry Advisory Panel Members was held March 21-22, 2013 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Over the span of the two-day meeting, a total of 46 *VitisGen* participants attended in person (including 21 Project Directors and 6 Industry Advisory Panel members). The purpose of the meeting was to review the previous year's progress; to resolve technical details and logistics moving forward; to identify and prioritize action plans for the coming year; and to encourage continued industry collaborations and dialogue.

On the first day of the meeting, Project Directors and Collaborators discussed project accomplishments and resolved technical details. Each team leader presented a team report, which highlighted major accomplishments in Years 1 and 2. Following the presentation of team reports, a member from each team facilitated discussions to resolve each team's technical details and logistics. On the second day of the meeting, Project Directors, Collaborators, and the Industry Advisory Panel learned about European research endeavors in grape breeding and marker development, discussed project accomplishments and future plans, and received feedback from the Industry Advisory Panel. Dr. Reinhard Töpfer, Director of the Institute of Grapevine Breeding Geilweilerhof, presented a seminar on *Current molecular breeding and marker development efforts at Geilweilerhof and elsewhere in Europe*. After a brief discussion following Dr. Töpfer's presentation, each team leader presented concise summaries of objectives, accomplishments, and future plans. Each team report was followed by a discussion with the Industry Advisory Panel to identify and prioritize action plans for the coming year. To conclude the meeting, two members of the Industry Advisory Panel, Jean-Mari Peltier (National Wine and Grape Initiative) and Nick Dokoozlian (E. & J. Gallo Winery), summarized the key points from discussions held throughout the day.

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