

GCP Subprogramme SP4 ARM 2007 Wrap-Up



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- SP4 has reached the stage that it can deliver
 - stand alone applications
 - new tools based on GCP platform and architecture
 - third party software with added GCP value
 - data access facilities
 - methodology
 - direct user support

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- perspective
 - more focus on user support
 - more focus on data access and data quality
- bioinformatics methods exist – need (sometimes) to be implemented
 - not to invent the wheel
- research needed in genomic biometrics
 - incorporating genomic information in diversity analysis and breeding

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general observations

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- feedback loops from end-users to developers are difficult to establish
 - between high-tech scientists to resource-poor farmers (or NARS intermediate)
 - between software engineers and software users
- need to explore new venues
 - better use capacity building network (SP5)
 - GCP workshops at crop-specific symposia
 - user defined SP4 projects

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- GCP products are emerging in increasing quantities
 - both in crop science and informatics support
 - chain still has, in some cases, bottlenecks
- delivery needs further attention
 - GCP product management activities
 - GCP data handling helpdesk

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- GCP community and culture is further matured
 - 'it's so GCP'
 - cash-flow problems in 2007 did not have influence
 - GCP is still 'fresh' – not afraid to explore new roads
- needs to be cherished – it's our power
 - GCP communication activities

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- ARM is an unique and functional event
 - unique opportunity to coordinate and cross pollinate activities
 - more time for ad-hoc meetings would be appropriate
 - five days is the limit
 - more NARS representation with mechanisms for interactions would be appropriate
 - this size is close to the limit
- stay creative in thinking about new possibilities
 - feedback is appreciated

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- ARM is an unique and functional event
 - positive and active participants
 - incredible able and active local and GCP support staff - participants and GCP-MT could concentrate on the content
- already looking forward to ARM 2008 !!!