



VitisGen Project Meeting April 16-17, 2012

The first annual VitisGen meeting of Project Directors, Collaborators, and Industry Advisory Panel Members was held at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New York April 16 and 17, 2012. In all, forty-one project participants attended the meeting in person (including nine Industry Advisory Panel Members) and an additional five project participants attended via a remote connection. The purpose of the meeting was to review project goals, to share ideas and develop future goals and to encourage continued industry collaboration and dialogue.

Team reports highlighting each team's objectives and progress thus far were delivered and set the stage for the Industry Advisory Panel's "Big Picture Discussion." The "Big Picture Discussion" initiated dialogue between industry and researchers on topics related to populations and traits, trait economics, and extension/outreach. Breakout sessions provided a chance for each topic to be discussed in detail. A summary of each break out session was later presented to the entire group. The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to project logistics including data storage and access, and project operations and coordination. The key points addressed during the course of the meeting were summarized both by a representative of the Industry Advisory Panel (Jean-Mari Peltier) and two representatives of the Executive Committee (Bruce Reisch and Lance Cadle- Davidson). Additional topics discussed included creating a unified research initiative, long-term planning for the next phase of genetic research and development, and determining the location of next year's meeting.

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