

**Crop Variety Release and Distribution Committee**  
**Minutes of February 16th, 2006 Meeting**  
**202 Kottman Hall, Columbus, Ohio**

**Present:** Mr. John Armstrong, Mr. Jack Debolt, Mr. Bill Gault, Dr. Ellen Purpus, Ms. Jane New, Dr. Jean Shelhorn, Dr. Rich Pratt (in Wooster), Dr. Clay Sneller (Chair), Dr. Steve St. Martin, Dr. Rouf Mian, Dr. Stephen Myers.

The meeting was convened at 9:30 AM by the Chair. The minutes of the September 15th, 2005 meeting of the CVRDC were approved by unanimous consent (moved by J. Armstrong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mian).

Dr. Ellen Purpus introduced Dr. Jean Shelhorn as the new Associate Vice President for Technology Transfer and Licensing, who will oversee the Office of Technology Licensing. Dr. Shelhorn lists the top priorities as 1) excellence in customer service, 2) excellence in revenue delivery, and 3) increased productivity and efficiency.

OSIA Update – J. Armstrong.

- John thanked all OSU faculty who participated in the 2006 OSIA seed school. Next seed school is 1/11/2007.
- Revenues from wheat royalties were down in 2005, notably in the largest volume varieties, likely due to pressure from branded releases.
- Non-GMO soybean is a stable though small market.
- Low-linolenic acid soybeans are finally gaining a market through the efforts of two corporations who have closed marketing systems.
- An OEACD workshop in Paris in 2005 discussed what a variety is and allowable variance. Application for Certified Variety Eligibility forms were distributed to assists with upcoming AOSCA audit.
- A letter from Gunnar Lyman concerning food grade soys was distributed supporting non-exclusive release

OFS Update – J. Deboldt

- Noted decreased sales of public soybean and oat cultivars. Numbers were presented
- ~94% of soybean acres are now Roundup-Ready, 3% are food grade and 3% conventional
- 20% of OFS soybean acreage was OSU varieties.

The OSIA and OFS presentations were followed by an extended discussion of marketing of OSU germplasm and positioning of OSU traits. General conclusion was we need to organize a marketing strategy session.

ODA Update – B. Gault

- Good germination was noted for most seed lots. Six stop sale notices had been issued due to low germ.

- Changes to laws noted in the 9-15-2005 minutes were still not passed.

#### USDA/OSU Soybean Releases – R. Mian

- Stout-Rps – This line has Rps1k in place of Rps1a in Stout. *The CVRDC unanimously recommended Stout-Rps for release as public germplasm.* (moved by S. St.Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Deboldt).
- HC01-289 – This line has good yield, Rps1k, and high protein and oil. The characteristics suggest this line may be suited to IP markets, and thus a candidate for exclusive release. It was felt that this needed to be determined but the line should be released either as a public due to its yield, or exclusive if suited to IP markets. *The CVRDC unanimously recommended HC01-289 for release for purpose of commercial testing* (moved by J. New, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. St.Martin). This action will encourage R. Mian to plan for a 2006 seed increase. The mechanism for release (public or exclusive) will be determined later (likely at the first CVRD meeting of 2007).
- HC99-2846 – This line has very good yield potential and soybean cyst nematode tolerance. There was considerable discussion about legal claims to HC99-2846. This line is derived from DPL3478, a line licensed to Delta Pine and Land Company by Stine Seed Co. Stine claims he should get a portion of the royalties from any lines derived from his germplasm. There did not seem to be any question about the appropriateness of using DPL3478 in crosses, just whether OSU will owe Stine for its use. It was suggested by OTL that the claim has little legal standing and we should proceed with release and see what might happen. *The CVRDC unanimously recommended HC99-2846 for release as a public certified variety* (moved by J. Deboldt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Armstrong). HC99-2846 will be named later.
- HC99-2763 – A sister line to HC99-2846 with slightly different maturity and disease resistance that might suit some independent seed company if they could get an exclusive. *CVRDC unanimously recommended HC99-2763 for release as a branded variety* (moved by J. Armstrong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Deboldt).

#### OSU Soybean Release – S. St. Martin

- OHS201 – An early line with high yield and Rps3a. May have good potential as a food grade and general use cultivar. It was felt that this needed to be determined but the line should be released either as a public due to its yield, or exclusive if suited to IP markets. *The CVRDC unanimously recommended OHS201 for release for purpose of commercial testing* (moved by R. Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Gault). This action will encourage S. St.Martin to plan for a 2006 seed increase. The mechanism for release (public or exclusive) will be determined later (likely at the first CVRD meeting of 2007).
- OHS301 – Proposed for release due to high yield and good disease resistance. OHS301 has Rps1k, Rps3, and good partial resistance. Discussion suggested that more money for promotion would be generated if released as a public cultivar. *The CVRDC unanimously recommended OHS301 for release as a public certified variety* (moved by S. St.Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Armstrong). OHS301 will be named later. Title V and PVP will be sought.

- OHS302 – After discussion, it was decided to not propose release HCS302. No motion was forwarded

#### OH708 Wheat – C. Sneller

OH708 was recommended for exclusive release by the CVRDC in February of 2005. This mechanism though precludes certification. A company in Ontario (C&M Seeds) is very interested in licensing OH708 from OSU but they require certification for sale in Ontario. *The CVRDC unanimously recommended to rescind the release of OH708 as an exclusive* (moved by J. Deboldt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mian). *The CVRDC then unanimously recommended OH708 be released as a public certified variety* (moved by C. Sneller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Deboldt). OH708 will be named OH708.

The release mechanism was questioned by the seed industry as it did not meet the needs of all. The public release mechanism works for potential Canadian licensees but not for a licensee in MI who thought OH708 would be available for branding. Dr. Sneller then asked the CVRDC to vote on a 3<sup>rd</sup> release mechanism with 2 components 1) OH708 would be released as a public variety available to all. It would be called "OH708" and could be sold under that name. The second component requires all seedsmen interested in OH708 to have a license with OTL to acquire seed of OH708. The license then allows the licensee to brand OH708 or to sell it as "OH708". This mechanism is called non-exclusive release for branding and has been used by Iowa State for some time. A proposal for non-exclusive release for branding of OH708 was submitted to the CVRDC via email on 8/11/2006. Eleven votes were received: 9 voted yes to approve the non-exclusive release for branding of OH708, 1 voted no, and 1 abstained.

A motion to adjourn was made by E. Purpus and 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. St.Marin at approximately 2:10 PM.