

TDM People and Institutes 5.4

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INTRODUCTION

The ICIS database uses several classes of supporting data. These include information on institutes, people, and bibliographic references. People and institutions must be identified for sets of data within ICIS. They may supply germplasm, report results on international or local trials, maintain a local version of ICIS, or release cultivars (Table 10.1.1). The only set of peoples' names that is not stored here is that of authors of any references cited in ICIS. These are managed in the BIBLIOGRAPHIC_REFS table (see section 9.).

Table 10.1.1. Examples of tables in ICIS where people or institutions are identified.

Table	Role of person or institution
INSTALLATIONS	Administrator of an ICIS installation
USERS	ICIS user
LOCATIONS	User that defines a location
LOCATION_DESCRIPTIONS	User that assigns a value to a specific location
PASSPORT	Source of germplasm
????	Co-operator in trial

Distinguishing between roles of people and institutions is often difficult. In many universities, emphasis is given to the role of the individual, whereas in NARS or private companies, the identity of individuals may be considered of intermediate or no importance. Further complications are that individuals can change institutional affiliations or have split affiliations at a given time.

This part of ICIS provides unique identifiers of people and institutions within ICIS, plus maintains auxiliary information such as addresses, phone numbers, and dates of arrival and departure. The central table is the PERSONS table, which carries basic information on persons referred to within ICIS.

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