

Wednesday, 03 December 2025

Dra. Marisol Arnedo
Head of Research and Development
Ramiro Arnedo S.L.

Dear Dra. Arnedo,

I am writing to thank you for your enthusiasm about our proposal to enhance Spanish germplasm records for Crop Wild Relatives (both in situ and ex situ) through large-scale integration of germplasm bank accession data with third-party observation and ecogeographical data. As I mentioned in our earlier communication, our primary target-audience is the agricultural breeder community, and this is why your participation is so important to us.

In our proposal to the Plan Nacional Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento 2025, we have indicated that we will encourage ongoing peer-review of our activities from members of our target user community. This will involve an initial meeting of introduction, followed by a yearly formal review where we gather feedback from you and your colleagues as they explore our novel datasets. We will also make efforts to ensure that the datasets we create contain novel knowledge that is of interest and (hopefully) useful to you, so that you take some benefit from these yearly interactions. We anticipate that the yearly surveys will take no more than 2 hours of your valuable time; however, you will have continuous access to our platform and datasets, and you are welcome to interact with our tools, or our research team, at any time!

On the following page is some text that, if you agree, we will include as an appendix to our proposal to indicate to the Ministry that we have secured highly specialized peer reviewers to oversee our activities. If you could sign a letter with this text (or your modification of it) on your company letterhead, we would be very grateful.

Thank you again for your interest and willingness to collaborate with us!

Sincerely,

Mark Wilkinson



Dr. Mark Wilkinson
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Dear Dr. Wilkinson,

We agree to participate as ongoing peer-reviewers for the activities described in your "Interoperating to Prioritize Resilience in Crop Wild Relatives (INTERPRESS)" proposal to the 2025 Plan Nacional Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento.

This participation will include (but not necessarily be limited to, at our discretion) participation in an introductory tele-meeting to introduce the teams and establish expectations (one hour), and subsequent participation in yearly quality-control/usability/effectiveness surveys where we will give you feedback on your novel knowledgebase and tooling, from the perspective of a commercial breeder. You have indicated that these yearly interactions will require approximately two hours of our time, and this is acceptable to us. Our feedback will be incorporated into your progress reports to the Ministry, and we understand that we will be able to review these before they are submitted. We also understand that we may request anonymity, or complete removal, of some or all observations from these reports if we have proprietary concerns. We also understand that our interactions with your tools will be visible to your research team, but will not be visible outside of this group, and we can request deletion of all records of our interaction with your tools at any time.

Given these terms, we look forward to the success of your funding proposal, and look forward to interacting with you in the manner described above.

Sincerely,

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