Thanks Masao,

I've not yet heard from Russia or Prof QIU in China. Do you have any preference on time and/or location for a meeting. We don't have any money to participate in such a meeting right now, so it will likely need to be self-funded.

Thanks, Scott Jackson

> On Jan 9, 2015, at 6:49 AM, Masao Ishimoto <ishimoto@affrc.go.jp> wrote: > > Dear Scott Jackson, > > > Thank you for contacting us. > We are interested in your proposal. Please let me know any other > information. > > Sincerely yours, > > ---Masao ISHIMOTO > > > Soybean Applied Genomics Research Unit > National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences > 2-1-2 Kannondai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8602, Japan > TEL&FAX:+81-29-8387452 > > > >> > > On 2015/01/05 10:21, "Scott Allen Jackson" <sjackson@uga.edu> wrote: > >> Dear Colleagues, >> >> >> I'm Scott Jackson from the University of Georgia in the USA. I'm >> contacting you as persons that have access to or are in charge of >> germplams collections in various countries. You may be away of an >> international >> initiative to use genomics to characterize crop germplasm collections in >> order to better curate them and to exploit them for crop improvement >> (www.divseek.org <<u>http://www.divseek.org</u>>). >> >> >> I am wondering if there is interest to organize the soybean community to

>> take advantage of this initiative. We would have to find funding >> source(s) for data generation, but could work hand-in-hand with >> Divseek to take advantage of infrastructure that will be put together to >> make use of the genomic data. >> >> >> In the US, most of the germplasm collection has been genotyped with a 50K >> SNP chip. However, this has limitations and sequencing would complement >> the utility of the data to uncover haplotypes and non-SNP >> variation. In addition, it would be useful to understand redundancy >> within and between collections and to better understand the variation >> among the various collections. >> >> >>> If there is interest, I propose that we organize a workshop/meeting. I >> don't have money to pay for travel, but we could organize it as >> inexpensively as possible and possibly raise some money to help coordinate >> it. Topics might include: interest to characterize collections at the >> sequence level; sequencing approaches; utility in curation; funding; >> etc... >> >> >> If I have contacted the wrong person, or if someone is missing, please >> forward this email to the. >> >>>> Sincerely, >> >> >> Scott Jackson >> >>>> >> >> Country Contacts: >> JapanMasao ISHIMOTO >> Akito KAGA >> Ryo Akashi >> >> >> China >> Lijuan QIU >> >> >> Russia >> Seferova Irina >> Soybean Research Institute >> >> >> Korea >> Suk-Ha Lee >>>> >> USA >> Randy Nelson >> Scott Jackson >>

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