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To: Cocoa Research Sub-Committee

From Michelle End

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CFC Germplasm Project Workshop

I have received the following proposal from Reading seeking funding to allow the researchers involved in the CFC Workshop on cocoa germplasm to attend the inaugural workshop for the project in Montpellier from 2nd-7th February, as we discussed at our last sub-committee meeting. Recent changes to the workshop programme, and consequent re-arrangements to teaching schedules, have delayed the development of this proposal since the airfare is highly dependent on the dates of travel. This workshop should provide a good opportunity to establish good working relationships between the researchers at Reading and those at the cocoa research institutions, and will be especially important in this respect for Dr. Shaw, Dr. Parker, Ms. Ford and Ms. Davis who are “new” to cocoa. I would be grateful if you could let me know if you think this proposal is acceptable as soon as possible, and ideally before 21st Jan. since the cheap rate flights must be booked by Jan 22nd.

Proposal for Attendance at the First Workshop for the CFC Project on “Cocoa Germplasm Utilisation and Conservation: A Global Approach”, Montpellier February 2-6th, 1998

The University of Reading is participating in three components of the CFC project on “Cocoa Germplasm Utilisation and Conservation: A Global Approach”, each kindly supported by co-financing and/or counterpart funding from BCCCA/LIFFE:

Multiplication and Distribution of Germplasm (Quarantine)

Witches’ Broom Resistance Screening Ring Test

Information Exchange/Clonal Identification

The inaugural workshop of the CFC project is being held to allow participating institutions to agree on the detailed methodology to be adopted for each of the research activities. It will also provide an opportunity for researchers to meet and establish good working relationships which will facilitate the exchange of material and information during the course of the project. Researchers from The School of Plant Sciences have been invited to give presentations on their respective projects and lead discussions to establish the methodologies to be used. The Workshop will also provide an opportunity for the distribution of budwood for use in the International clone trials. In addition, Dr. End, Ms. Ford and Prof. Hadley would hope to meet with Dr. Pierre Lagoda and his colleagues at CIRAD to discuss the future development of the TropGene and ICGD databases. It is understood that the CFC project budget will cover accommodation, meals and local expenses but is unable to fund the transport costs for the Reading researchers. We would therefore be grateful if BCCCA would consider a request for funding of approximately £1470 to cover these costs for Prof. Paul Hadley (Technical co-ordinator), Dr. Michael Shaw (Witches Broom), Dr. Michelle End (Information Exchange), Ms. Caroline Ford (Information Exchange), Dr. Ann Parker (Quarantine/Witches Broom) and Ms. Alice Davis (Witches Broom/Quarantine).

The costs of flights+rail transport are likely to be:

PH	£350
MS	£520 (includes overnight stay in Paris)
ME	£150*
CS	£150*
AP	£150*
AD	£150*

	£1470

* Discounted airfare only available when itinerary includes a Saturday night stay. PH and MS are unable to take advantage of this offer due to mid-week teaching commitments

We would be most grateful if you could give this your most urgent consideration since the air fares quoted require early booking.