Welcome to the October 2022 issue of the GDR newsletter. This newsletter is issued to inform users about new or updated data and tools in GDR, and provide a summary from the quarterly Rosaceae Executive Committee (RosEXEC) meetings.

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- *Prunus humilis*
- *Pyrus communis* d’Anjou
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**New Trait and Trait Descriptor Search**

Now available: User Trait Search to find standardized trait terms using categories or keyword to access all the data associated with the trait term. Alternatively use the Trait Descriptor Search to find trait descriptors in publicly available phenotyping datasets and access associated data. BIEMS also allows you to access publicly available phenotype data.

**Updated Trait Page**

Access all the associated data from a trait page such as QTLs, Haplotype blocks, trait descriptors, publications, and phenotyping datasets.

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Ortholog/Paralog Search

Did you know?
You can retrieve customized information on Orthologs/paralogs in MegaSearch. So now you can choose data fields to view and download.

Downloaded file of GDDH13 genes and corresponding NCBI annotated M. x domestica v1.0 gene names

Did you know?
Orthologs/paralogs in GDR are detected using MCScanX. Visit gene pages to see orthologs/paralogs and syntenic blocks in all other genomes.

Did you know?
You can also use this tool to generate a list of matching genes (and true paralogs) between two genome assemblies of the same species.

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USDA SCRI and NRSP10 (National Research Project)
Very interesting information was shared at the U.S. RosEXEC meeting in October. Here’s a quick overview!

Administrative
• As a way to quickly inform our community of the happenings in RosEXEC, these summarized updates will be added to the GDR quarterly newsletter. So, here we go!
• Per McCord from WSU was elected Secretary of RosEXEC, and he joined us in June. Welcome!
• New elections for RosEXEC membership will be held in Fall 2023, are you running?
• The next RosEXEC quarterly meeting will be during PAG in January 2023! Stay tuned for more information in the GDR mailing list!
• Talking about the GDR mailing list, please join so you receive fresh information on all the developments in GDR and RosEXEC! To do so, click here. We will stay in touch!

GDR insights
• Several new resources including tutorials, updated interfaces, and 7 genomes(!) have recently been posted in GDR. Take a look and enjoy the bounty!

Future plans
• RosEXEC will facilitate the coordination of taskforces and subcommittees to encourage community participation, collaboration, and improved access to resources. We will provide information about these opportunities through these communications and GDR. Stay tuned!

Announcements for specific crops: choose your favorite!
• Genome databases received support from SCRI, including GDR! Dorrie Main & Sook Jung can provide you with the latest info on it!
• Saving roses! New SCRI funded project on diseases in rose. Learn more about it here.
• Strawberries gained some love too! SCRI has funded a project (PI: Steve Knapp) tackling disease resistance, breeding, and management.
• Interested in the genomic composition of NPGS apples representing wild species? This paper is going to be of interest to you. Gayle will look forward to telling you more about it!
• Not only the nuclear genome, but plastids also have a say on the origin of apples.
• Looking for some pear? The d’Anjou pear genome is in GDR! Contact Loren Honaas if you need more information.

Engagement with the Rosaceae community (What you can do? / How to get involved?)
• Interested in visualizing large/complex gene expression datasets in JBrowse and other visualization tools on GDR? Loren Honaas, Chris Gottschalk and Sook Jung too! Do not hesitate to contact them if you want to be part of this task force!
• Do you have ideas or interests that benefit the Rosaceae community? Do not hesitate to get involved with RosEXEC and GDR and form a task force. You can contact Gayle Volk, current Chair of RosEXEC, Jonathan Fresno and Per McCord, current secretary. We are looking forward to hearing from you!