



First Annual Meeting of the *VitisGen2* Project

San Diego, CA January 11-12, 2018

Executive Summary

The first annual *VitisGen2* meeting of Project Directors, Collaborators, and Advisory Panel Members was held January 11-12, 2018 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Diego, California. Over the span of the two-day meeting, 36 *VitisGen2* participants attended in person. The purpose of the meeting was to gather and kick-start the newly funded *VitisGen2* project. This meeting also served to re-cap and summarize what was accomplished in *VitisGen1*. The main objective of the meeting was to identify and prioritize action plans for the first year of the project by producing Team Reports with a draft of goals and planned activities for the first year, which was used to guide discussions and develop Year 1 milestones for evaluation. Additionally, encouragement was continued for collaborations and dialogue, along with feedback from our Advisory Panel.

On the first day of the meeting, Project Directors, Collaborators, and the Advisory Panel reviewed project accomplishments from *VitisGen1* and discussed future objectives and outcomes for *VitisGen2*. All six teams (genetics, breeding, powdery mildew, fruit quality, extension, and trait economics) focused on previous accomplishments and how to apply these outcomes in further research and extension endeavors. Questions and discussion sessions following each team presentation encouraged dialogue within the project and with the Advisory Panel.

The second day of the meeting focused on discussions to finalize *VitisGen2* objectives and what are the overarching targeted outcomes for the project. Anne-Françoise Adam-Blondon gave a seminar focused on sharing and integration of datasets across the research community and how the efforts of *VitisGen2* can benefit and further advance from the progress made in the EU. There was an open floor discussion with the Advisory Panel which prompted more questions and suggestions for each team, including guidance on how to answer some research questions moving forward. To conclude the meeting, Bruce Reisch and Lance Cadle-Davidson provided feedback and closing remarks. Finally, during the afternoon session teams divided for informal discussions and to finalize and prioritize four-year objectives, sub-objectives, planned activities, and plans/milestones for the upcoming year.



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