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Dear Colleagues,

Organizing Committee welcomes you to the XIII meeting of the EUCARPIA Biometrics in Plant Breeding Section, in Zagreb, Croatia.

It was a great pleasure to find out that joint effort of Scientific and Organizing Committee invested in preparation of the meeting yielded widespread interest. Therefore, we expect more than 100 participants from 30 countries. We have received abstracts of 66 contributions in addition to 7 invited lectures. All the abstracts have been thoroughly reviewed by the members of Scientific Committee and hereby we thank them for their time and efforts. They have selected 22 abstracts for oral presentations, while remainder will be presented as posters. Furthermore, 11 posters were selected for short (oral) presentations. As an outcome, we can expect that the Meeting will further contribute to the development of biometrical methods and models to be used in plant breeding and related plant sciences.

The meeting is hosted by Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Zagreb. Its Department of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biometrics was founded in 1920. The first textbook for the course of Biometrics was published back in 1946, wrriten by Alois Tavčar who was the Head of the Department for more than 50 years.

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And last but not least, the Organizing Committee greatly appreciates support from the sponsors. Without their help the task of organizing this meeting would become extremely taunting.

We wish you all a very fruitful meeting and the pleasant stay in Zagreb.

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Use of Additive-Dominant Model in Genetic Analysis of some Quantitative Caracteristics in Sunflower

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Abstract

A simple link between the expected means of quantitative traits of different generations (progenies) can be established if the mean values are dependant exclusively on additive and dominant gene effects. This study aims to prove the correctness of the hypothesis that progeny means depend solely on additive and dominant genes, which can be tested in several ways, one of which is the applied tests. Seven F₁ hybrids obtained by crossing five sunflower inbred lines were used to analyze the impact of genes with additive and dominant effects and their interactions on the inheritance of plant height, leaf number per plant and head diameter. The linkage among the expected progeny means was tested using the scaling tests method, while the estimates of gene effects and mode of inheritance were made by Generation Mean Analysis. The additive-dominant model proved adequate only for leaf number per plant in crosses C₅ and C₇. Besides the main gene effects (additive and dominant), epistatic gene effects were also of great importance in the inheritance of all three traits. In the inheritance of plant height, duplicate epistasis between dominant increasers was found in C_2 , while C_1 , C_4 and C_7 had duplicate epistasis between dominant decreasers. In the case of leaf number per plant, we only found duplicate epistasis between dominant decreasers in C_1 , C_3 and C_6 , while in the inheritance of head diameter both types of duplicate epistasis were found, namely duplicate epistasis between dominant decreasers in C₁ and duplicate epistasis between dominant increasers in C₂. It can be concluded that the additive-dominance model was not adequate in explaining the differences between various generation means. In addition to of additive and dominance gene effect, digenic epistatic effects were also found to be important in the inheritance of the characters studied. Therefore, geneticists and breeders working on sunflower should make provisions for the occurrence of epistatic gene effects in their research programs.

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