### Eucablight – pathogen database update

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## Overview





- Eucablight project summary
- Data updates
- New version of P.exe
- Updates on SSR methodology
- Future plans & Funding Main challenges – expansion, momentum, relevance, funding & publications

#### "... establish a **comprehensive network** on the population biology of *P.infestans* across Europe'

#### **WP2**

**Collect and collate data** (pheno and genotype) on existing/past

#### WP4

**Collate and review existing methods** for assessing variation in *P*. 4.1 infestans populations and to test, standardise and publish these methods in a www database

To create a European isolate database detailing existing data on isolate 4.2 variation using new data as assessed by the methods developed in Objective 4.1

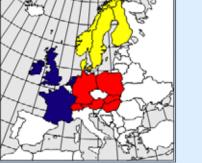
4.3 **Training** course on agreed and adopted methods

Pan-European **interpretation** of changing population structure in *P*. 4.4 infestans

#### WP5

Integration of all derived data to benefit of control strategies

### Main aims of pathogen section of Eucablight project







#### **WP1**

P infestans collections



# Linking *P. infestans* biology and blight management

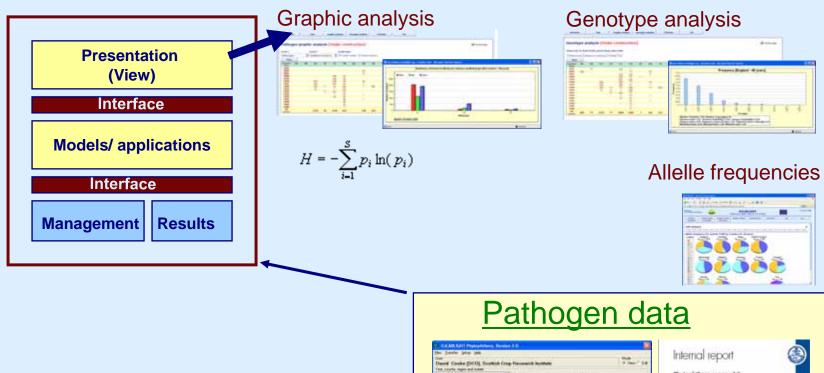


- 1. Where, when and how blight infection starts
  - primary inoculum
- 2. Rate of infection and spread
  - o foliar
  - o tuber
- 3. Control options
  - o fungicide efficacy
  - host resistance stability
  - **DSS**
- 4. Survival
  - cull piles/seed
  - volunteers
  - o solanaceous weeds
  - soil oospores
- 5. Changing pathogen population
  - Immigration
  - **o** Evolution mutation & recombination

Integration of all data into practical management advice

# euca Phytophthora.exe and dataflow





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### Timeline



03-06	Project funded (i.e. no € Jan 06 onwards)
Apr 07	Discussed revisions needed for P.exe in S. America
Merging	g of Eucablight and EU.ICP.NET to Euroblight
May 07	Bologna – planned new version of P.exe
July 07	Shut down P.exe 1.3 until version 2.0 launched
Feb 08	Launch of P.exe 2.0 for Europe & S & C America improved data transfer, expandable to other regions, additional features such as DNA sequence data, more user friendly
Mar 08	P.exe training course and presentation at GILB meeting in Beijing – general support for system "CIP's directors recognize the power of such an approach and support the expansion of the system"
Oct 08	Training in Chile – agreement for data entry

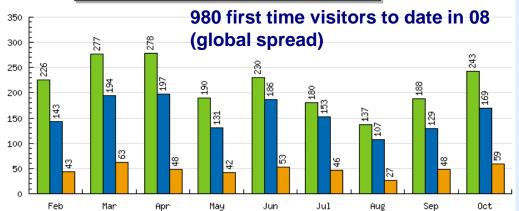


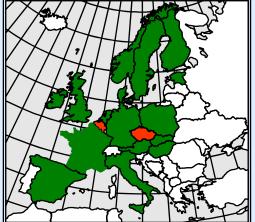
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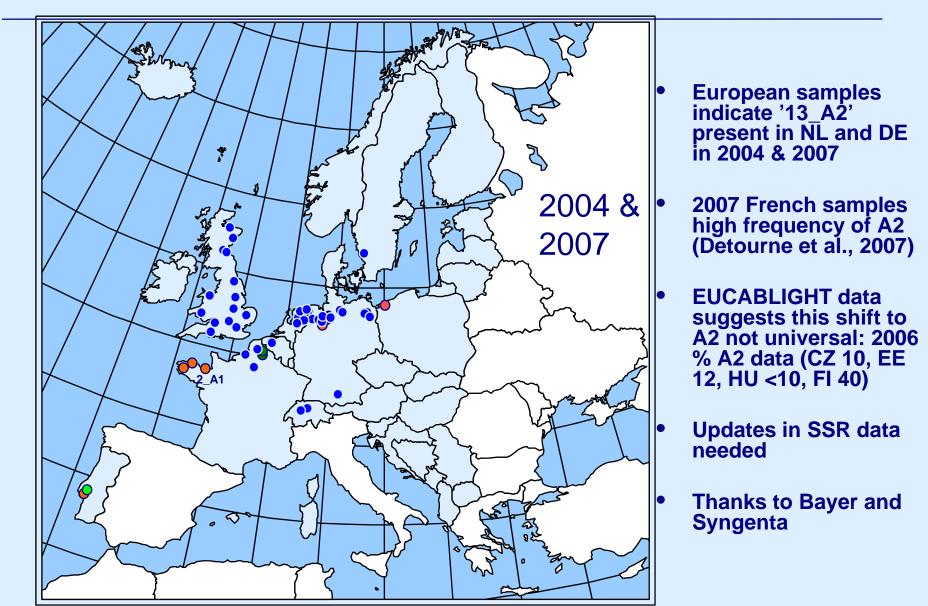


- SCRI (Pi02, Pi04, Pi16, Pi26, Pi33, Pi56, Pi63, Pi66, Pi70, Pi89)
- UW Bangor (D13)
- Syngenta (Pi4B, PiG11, Pi4G, Pi1D, Pi2D, Pi2H)
- PRI (SSR1-8)
- Theo van der Lee and David Cooke working on a revised set of the best 12 markers
- Markers and alleles already built into P.exe
- Existing SCRI system and allele images on Eucablight website



## EU-scale distribution of genotype 13\_A2

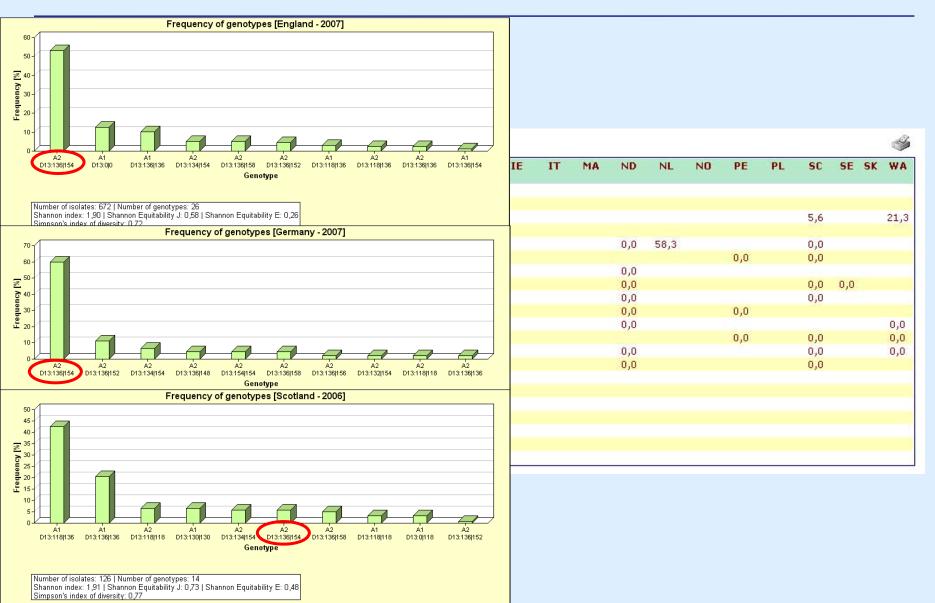




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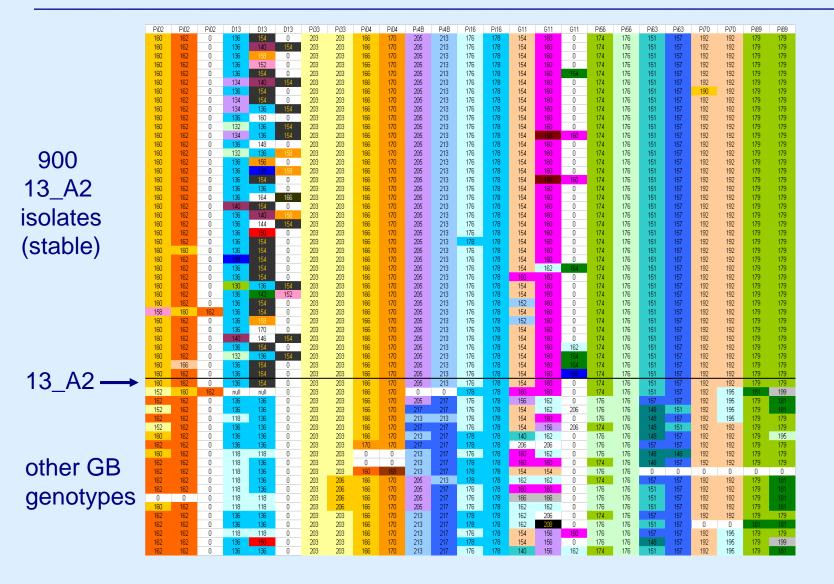


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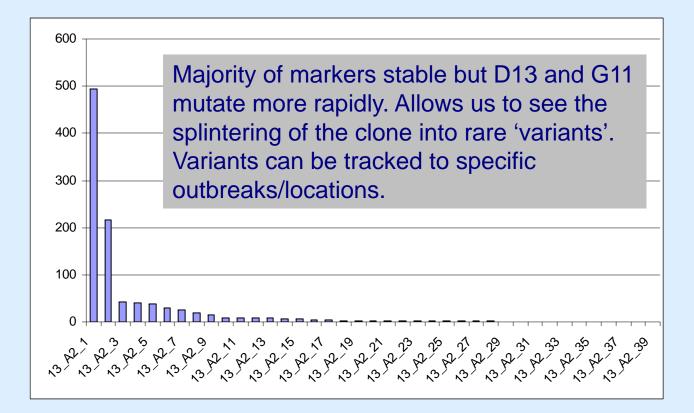




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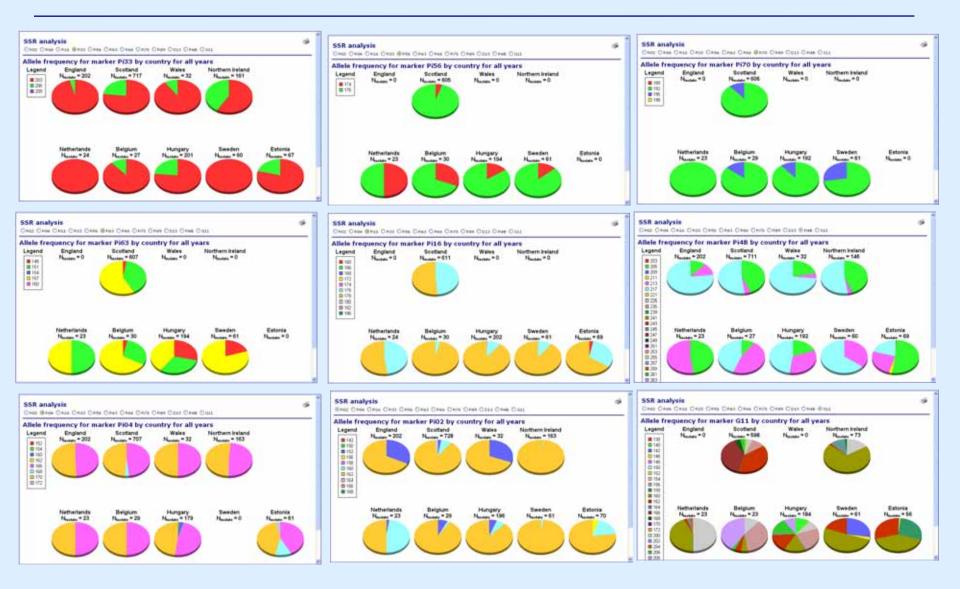






## SSR allele distribution







## Web-tools needed



Refined tools needed to:

Track changing allele frequencies over time and space

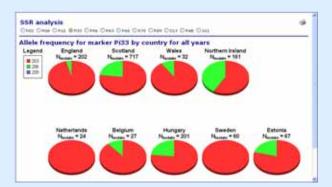
Genotype identification and naming

Plot relationships between genotypes

Search for specific genotypes

Relate phenotype to genotype

Map diversity – GIS systems









- EU Framework 7 bid Jan 08
- USDA Biosecurity bid June 08
- Support of GILB/CIP
- Need to build Eucablight database development into other funding bids
- Sponsorship other ideas?



## Conclusions & Future plans



- Unique resource to help understand pathogen population change on a range of scales (thanks to all data submitters and DIAS)
- *P. infestans* population diverse
- Association between factors observed (e.g. fungicide resistance and mating type)
- Dramatic shift in many regions
- Database updates and more interpretation at local and EU scale required -2009 timescale
- Need to link data on population change with the cause of that change. Identify factors that 'push' or 'pull' population change (e.g. increased aggressiveness and fitness – need better links to fundamental research on effectors and R-genes)
- Better exploitation of host resistance (GM-based?) will only work if we understanding pathogen population
- Continue expansion beyond Europe setting context of EU populations