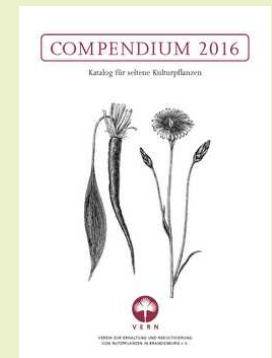


# Verein zur Erhaltung und Rekultivierung von Nutzpflanzen in Brandenburg e. V.



(Association for the Conservation and Recultivation of Crops in Brandenburg, registered society)

- VERN is a
  - » Seed initiative, established 1996 in Greiffenberg
  - » Maintains a collection of about 2000 old varieties
  - » Propagates about 200 varieties/year
  - » Distributes seeds on a non-commercial basis
  - » Encourages *on-farm* activities
  - » Communicates knowledge about seed saving
  - » Cooperates in research and pilot projects with universities, regional authorities, etc.



VERN makes seed of old varieties available to the public and functions as a link between genebanks and users

# Successful activity



- Re-introduction of ‘Champagnerroggen’



- 1994 Propagation of Genebank material
- since 1996 seeds distributed to farmers
- efforts to set-up a supply chain with mills and bakers and processors
- 2013 registration as conservation variety ‘Norddeutscher Champagnerroggen’ by Bundessortenamt



# Needs of our organisation

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- Reliable budget, long-term budget
- Partners for project proposals
- Seed law that explicitly supports activities of seed initiatives

# Needs from the SAVE network to reach our goals

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- Partners for project proposals
- Development of joint project proposals
- Promotion of cooperations between European partner organisations
- Legal framework: joint actions to develop statements and to express our demands concerning the EU seed legislation