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The Annex to this document contains the report from Slovakia.

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ANNEX

SLOVAKIA

Situation in the Legislative Field

The Ministry of Agriculture of Slovakia approved the first revised version of Law 132/1989 on legal protection of new varieties of plants and breeds of animals on August 21, 1995. We immediately sent the revision to the Office of UPOV. The Office of UPOV presented us with comments and proposals on the revision. The comments were considered by us and incorporated in the revised version of the Law and it was submitted for negotiation by the Legislative Council of the Government of Slovakia on October 5, 1995. After discussions, it was sent again to the Office of UPOV for comments.

Fee Changes

There have been no changes in the fee payments. Since December 1, 1994, Law 181/1993 on administrative payment has been in force.

Cooperation in Examination

We are preparing a new revision of the agreement with the Czech Republic. Bilateral Agreement with the Hungarian Republic was signed on July 4, 1995. OMM is testing for Slovakia: *Triticum durum*, *Sorghum*, *Capsicum annum*, *Citrullus lanatus*, *Cucurbita pepo*.

UKSUP is testing for Hungary: *Solanum tuberosum*, *Phleum pratense*, *Festuca rubra*, *Lotus corniculatus*, *Allium porrum*, *Cucumis melo*, *Solanum melongena*. Reciprocal acknowledgment is in *Triticum aestivum*, *Hordeum vulgare* and *Pisum sativum*.

A bilateral agreement with Poland was signed in 1994 without closer specification of species. In 1995, we started with reciprocal testing. COBORU is testing for Slovakia: *Fagopyrum esculentum*, *Secale cereale*, *Triticale*, *Lupinus sativus*, *Sinapis alba*, *Brassica oleracea* convar. *cymosa*, *Brassica oleracea* convar. *geminifera*. UKSUP is testing for Poland: *Lotus corniculatus*, *Festuca rubra*, *Phleum pratense*, *Solanum melongena*, *cucumis melo*, *Allium porrum*.

Following the request from Slovenia, we are testing *Phleum pratense*, *Dactylis glomerata* and *Trifolium pratense*. We are preparing a bilateral agreement with Slovenia.

Situation in the Administrative Field

Results of preliminary tests after the first year of testing. In 1994, 28 varieties were applied for, 14 from Slovakia, 4 from the Czech Republic, 5 from Holland, 1 from Denmark, 2 from Germany and 2 from France. In 1995, 24 varieties were applied for. 10 from Slovakia, 4 from the Czech Republic, 6 from Germany. We had 430 applications in 1990. 195 test result reports were issued and 70 pvp's.

Activities for the Promotion of Plant Variety Protection

We propagate plant variety protection in so-called “Open Days,” which are meetings for specialists on groups of crops. We also cooperate with Plant Breeders’ Associations in Slovakia. During June and July, we organized meetings with Hungary in order to exchange experiences.

We also participated in meetings to exchange experiences with the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, France, Germany and Slovakia.

Biochemical and Molecular Methods

.....research grant “Developing and Standardization of Methods for Variety Testing for Genotype Identification by Using Electrophoresis and Image Analysis,” from 1992-1994. At present, we are working on the standardization and automation of tests and finding of specific DNA markers. Digital image analysis is dealing with triticum and phaseolus.

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