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Roelofarendsveen, Netherlands, July 3 to 7, 2017

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SOFTWARE FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS IN DUS EXAMINATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this document is to report on the development of software for statistical analysis in the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS).

2. The TWPs are invited to note the developments concerning software for statistical analysis in DUS examination, as set out in paragraphs 3 to 7 of this document.

BACKGROUND

Statistical methods used in the DUSTC software package

3. The TWC, at its thirty-fourth session, held in Shanghai, China, from June 7 to 10, 2016, received a presentation by an expert from China on "Statistical methods used in the DUSTC software package", including a demonstration of the software package that incorporates statistical analysis procedures, including the methods for calculating COYU and COYD (see document TWC/34/32 "Report", paragraph 89).

A ring-test comparing three different software packages for COYD

4. The TWC received a presentation by an expert from China on "A ring-test comparing three different software packages for COYD", a copy of which is reproduced in the Annex to this document. The TWC noted that the same data set was used to compare results generated for the COYD procedure using the statistical packages developed in China (DUSTC), Germany (SAS) and the United Kingdom (DUST). The TWC noted that the three different software packages produced the same result (see document TWC/34/32 "Report", paragraph 95).

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A single tool for DUS computation process

5. The TWC received a presentation by an expert from France on "A single tool for DUS computation process", a copy of which is reproduced in the Annex to document TWC/34/29. The TWC noted the integration of new functions in the GAIA software and use of the same interface for different processes, such as COYD and COYU, using the same data set (see document TWC/34/32 "Report", paragraphs 92 to 94).

6. The TWC noted the changes to the data structure in the Excel file used to upload data to GAIA with the introduction of information on replicates and number of plants per replicate. The TWC noted that the improvements made would still allow GAIA to be available free of charge.

7. The TWC agreed to invite France to report on progress in the development of a single tool for DUS computation process at the thirty-fifth session of the TWC.

8. The TWPs are invited to note the developments concerning software for statistical analysis in DUS examination, as set out in paragraphs 3 to 7 of this document.

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX





 Image 2

 Data used for COYD

 • 45 varieties of Sorghum with two cycles, last five are candidate varieties:

 • Time of anthesis, one datum for each cycle

 • Plant length, twenty data for each cycle

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