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DATABASE TO SEARCH FOR TWC WORKING DOCUMENTS

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Introduction

1. At its twenty-fifth session held in Sibiu, Romania, from September 3 to 6, 2007, the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) discussed the development of an Access database to search for TWC documents.
2. The TWC noted the concerns of the Technical Committee (TC) with regard to a database to search for TWC documents and, in particular, the need for care with regard to the use of Technical Working Party session documents, which the TC had noted did not represent an agreed UPOV position and did not contain comments made on those documents by the relevant UPOV bodies (see document TC/43/12 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 9). In order to address those concerns, the TWC agreed that the title of the database should be amended to "Database to research TWC working documents" and agreed that a warning on the status of the documents and the purpose of the database should be automatically presented at each opening of the database. It also confirmed that the CDs containing the database would only be distributed to the participants at the relevant TWC session. The TWC confirmed the value of the database as a tool for TWC experts to develop new methods.
3. At its forty-fourth session, held in Geneva from April 7 to 9, 2008, the TC discussed the development by the TWC database to search for TWC working documents. The TC agreed that, as proposed by the TWC, the title of the database to search for TWC working documents

should be amended to “Database to research TWC working documents” and agreed that a warning on the status of the documents and the purpose of the database should be automatically presented at each opening of the database. It also agreed that the CDs containing the database should only be distributed to the participants at the relevant TWC session. The TC noted that the TWC had confirmed the value of the database as a tool for TWC experts to develop new methods.

Present status of the database

4. Nearly all information and documents of the TWC sessions are recorded in the database.

5. Figure 1 shows the form to search in the database. In this version there is the possibility to search for session-code, subject-description, group-description, code of the document, name of the author, title of the document and the period when the document was written. The search terms can be combined with “or” or with “and”. In the middle of the form, the search results are displayed. Further Information of documents are available by using the registers. With a double-click on the ‘Doc Object’ button it is possible to open the document as a PDF-file.

Figure 1: Form to search in the database

Document Code	Document Title	Doc Date	Doc Object	Other Document
TWC/17/8	Efficiency of incomplete block desings in Spring Rape and Yellow Mustard	01.06.1999		
TWC/17/2	On efficiency of resolvable incomplete block designs in DUS trial on	01.06.1999		
TWC/18/02	Use of COY-D and COY-U aproach in more than one location in forage crops	09.05.2000		
TWC/18/4	Efficiency of incomplete block desings in Winter Rape Spring Rape and Yellow	11.05.2000		
TWC/18/6	The efficiency of different designs in DUS trial on pea varieties	16.05.2000		
TWC/18/9	Types of Characteristics and Their Scale Levels	12.06.2000		
TWC/18/06	The Efficiency of different desings in DUS Trail on pea varieties	16.06.2000		
TWC/19/3	The efficiency of incomplete block desings in DUS trial on pea varieties	17.04.2001		

6. The description of the database and the operating instructions for the program are described in the documents TWC/23/16 and TWC/24/14.

Discussion

7. The database is available in the form of a CD-ROM and can be distributed to members of the TWC. Missing documents and documents that arise from future sessions will be supplemented by an expert from Germany.

8. Proposals to develop the database (information, structure, service) are welcome. If there are questions, do not hesitate to contact Thomas Drobek (thomas.drobek@bundessortenamt.de).

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