

Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs TWC/35/1**Thirty-Fifth Session
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DRAFT AGENDA*Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Short reports on developments in plant variety protection
 - (a) Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)
 - Increasing participation of new members of the Union in the work of the TC and TWPs (document TWP/1/19)
 - (b) Report on developments within UPOV (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
4. Organization of the UPOV sessions (document TWP/1/24)
5. Variety denominations (document TWP/1/6)
6. Matters concerning variety descriptions (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
7. TGP documents (document TWP/1/1 Rev.)

Revision of TGP documents

TGP/5: Section 1: Model Administrative Agreement for International Cooperation in the Testing of Varieties

 - *Confidentiality of molecular information* (document TWP/1/9)

TGP/7: Development of Test Guidelines

 - *Duration of DUS tests* (document TWP/1/11)
 - *Characteristics which only apply to certain varieties* (document TWP/1/12)

TGP/14: Glossary of Terms Used in UPOV Documents

 - *Illustrations for shape and ratio characteristics* (document TWP/1/18)
8. Consideration of possible reorganization of TGP/8 (document to be prepared by China and documents invited)
9. Assessing Uniformity by Off-Types on the Basis of More than One Growing Cycle or on the Basis of Sub-Samples (document TWP/1/17 Rev.)
 - (a) Practical experience of uniformity by off-types (documents invited)
 - (b) Factors influencing the choice of approach for off-types over two or more cycles (documents to be prepared by Germany, Netherlands and United Kingdom)
10. Molecular Techniques (document TWP/1/7)
 - (a) Selection of similar varieties for maize, rice and wheat using a DNA database (document to be prepared by China)
 - (b) Use of molecular markers in DUS examination (document to be prepared by the Netherlands)

- (c) Experience in the use of molecular markers in DUS examination (document to be prepared by France)
 - (d) Statistical issues (bio-informatics) related to the use of molecular markers in DUS examination (documents invited)
11. Number of growing cycles in DUS examination (document TWP/1/21 and documents to be prepared by France, Germany and Netherlands)
 12. Data Processing for the Assessment of Distinctness and for Producing Variety Descriptions (document TWP/1/15)
 - (a) Short descriptions (documents to be prepared by France, Germany, Italy and Japan)
 - (b) Review results of practical exercise (document to be prepared by France)
 - (c) Genotype-by-environment interaction, DUS tests and data transformation into notes (documents to be prepared by Italy and Finland and documents invited)
 13. Software, Information and databases
 - (a) UPOV information databases (document TWP/1/4)
 - (b) Variety description databases (document TWP/1/2 and documents invited)
 - (c) Exchange and use of software and equipment (document TWP/1/5 and documents invited)
 - (d) Electronic application systems (document TWP/1/3 and documents invited)
 - (e) Software for statistical analysis (document TWP/1/16)
 - (f) Management of variety collections (document TWP/1/14)
 - (g) Management of databases
 - (i) Experience of members on the application of databases (documents invited)
 - (ii) Development of new ideas regarding the management of information (documents invited)
 - (iii) Guidance on the management of databases (documents invited)
 - (h) A single tool for DUS computation process (document to be prepared by France)
 14. Statistical methods
 - (a) Excluding varieties of common knowledge from the second growing cycle (document TWP/1/22 and document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
 - (b) Statistical methods and software for visually observed characteristics (document TWP/1/23 and document to be prepared by France and the United Kingdom)
 - (c) The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document TWP/1/13 and document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
 15. Image analysis (document TWP/1/10 and documents invited)
 16. Procedure for partial revision of UPOV Test Guidelines (document TWP/1/20)
 17. Guidance for drafters of Test Guidelines (document TWP/1/8)
 18. Date and place of the next session
 19. Future program
 20. Adoption of the Report on the session (if time permits)
 21. Closing of the session

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