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PREPARATORY WORKSHOP

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PROGRAM

- Introduction to UPOV
- 2. Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)
- 3. Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
- (a) Selection of characteristics
- (b) Guidance on drafting characteristics
 - (i) Types of expression (QL, QN, PQ), notes and distinctness
 - (ii) Method of observation (V/M; G/S)
 - (iii) Asterisked, grouping and TQ characteristics
 - (iv) Example varieties
- (c) The process for developing UPOV Test Guidelines

PROGRAM

- 4. UPOV databases (UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database; GENIE database)
- 5. The UPOV website
- 6. Role of UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs) and the BMT
- 7. Agenda for the TWV Session
- 8. Feedback

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1. INTRODUCTION TO UPOV

UPOV: INDEPENDENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

established in 1961

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

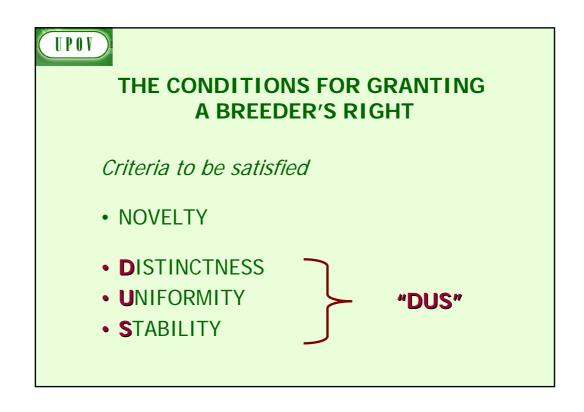
Union internationale pour la protection des obtentions végétales



2. OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL INTRODUCTION

(DOCUMENT TG/1/3 AND TGP DOCUMENTS)

GUIDANCE FOR DUS EXAMINATION





THE CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING A BREEDER'S RIGHT

Other conditions

- VARIETY DENOMINATION
- FORMALITIES
- PAYMENT OF FEES

NO OTHER CONDITIONS!



Guidance for DUS Examination

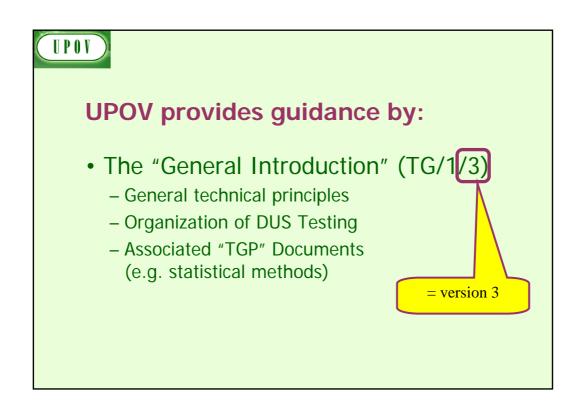
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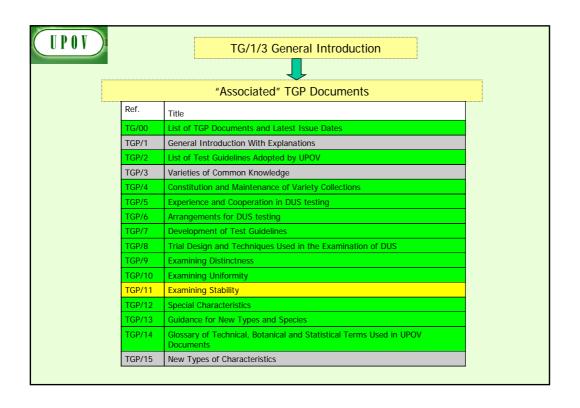
BEST PRACTICE (based on experience)

- => good decisions
- => good definition of the object of protection
 (strong protection)
- => efficiency in method of examination (learn from the best)

HARMONIZATION

- => efficiency
 - mutual acceptance of DUS reports (minimize cost of examination for individual authorities)
 - mutual recognition of variety descriptions (all parties speak the same "language")
 - simple and cheap system for applicants (minimize cost for breeders)







3. GUIDANCE ON DRAFTING TEST GUIDELINES

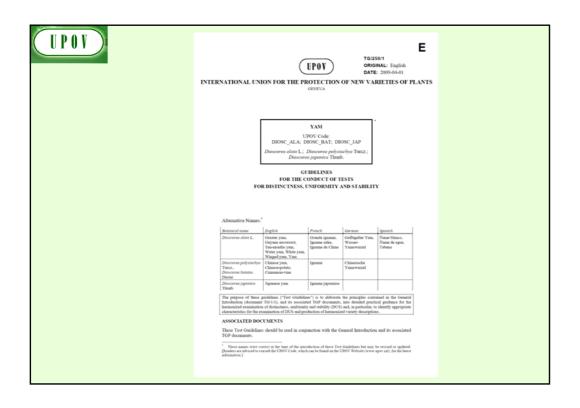


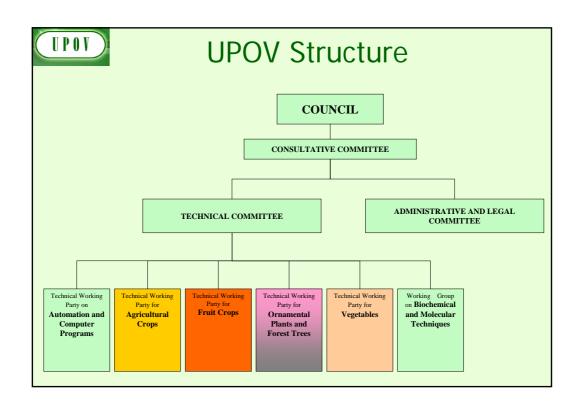
UPOV provides guidance by:

- The "General Introduction" (TG/1/3)
 - General technical principles
 - Organization of DUS Testing
 - Associated "TGP" Documents (e.g. statistical methods)

AND

- "Test Guidelines"
 - Species/Crop-specific recommendations developed by crop experts
 - TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines" adopted



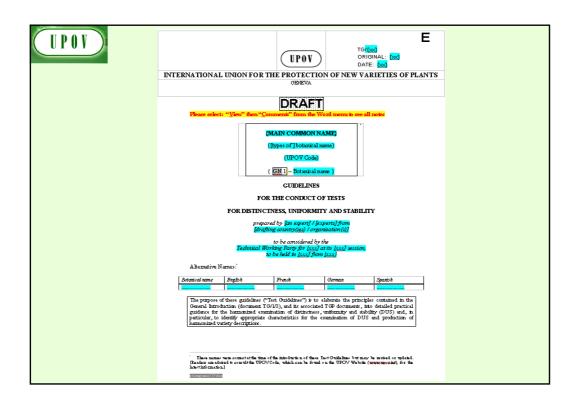


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TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines"

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- 1. Introduction
- 2. Procedure for the Introduction and Revision of UPOV Test Guidelines
- 3. Guidance for Drafting Test Guidelines
 - •The **TG Template**
 - •Additional Standard Wording for the TG Template
 - •Guidance Notes for the TG Template





10 Chapters of UPOV Test Guidelines

- 1. Subject of the Test Guidelines
- 2. Material Required
- 3. Methods of Examination
- 4. Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability
- 5. Grouping of Varieties and Organization of the Growing Trial
- 6. Introduction to the Table of Characteristics

7. Table of Characteristics

- 8. Explanation on the Table of Characteristics
- 9. Literature
- 10. Technical Questionnaire

3. TEST GUIDELINES

(a) Selection of characteristics



"CHARACTERISTICS"

- may have direct commercial relevance
 - Flower color (ornamental)
 - Fruit color
- but commercial relevance NOT required
 - Leaf shape



Selection of Characteristics

The basic requirements that a characteristic should fulfill before it is used for DUS testing or producing a variety description are that its expression (TG/1/3: Section 4.2.1):

- (a) **results from a given genotype** or combination of genotypes;
- (b) is sufficiently consistent and repeatable in a particular environment:
- (c) exhibits sufficient **variation between varieties** to be able to establish distinctness;
- (d) is capable of **precise definition and recognition**;
- (e) allows uniformity requirements to be fulfilled;
- (f) allows **stability requirements** to be fulfilled, meaning that it produces consistent and repeatable results after repeated propagation or, where appropriate, at the end of each cycle of propagation.



Selection of Characteristics

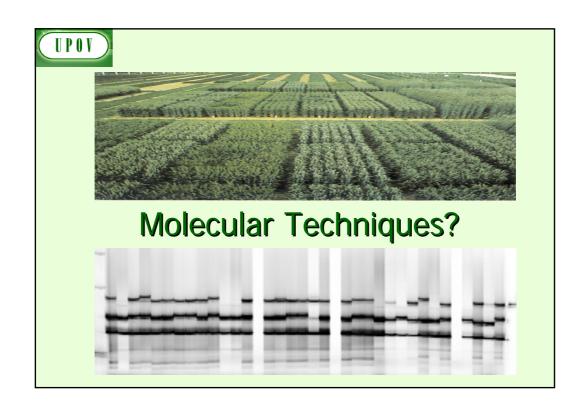
- Yield ???
- Straw strength ???

Etc.

UPOV	Selection of Characte	eristic	S	
	Criteria	Fruit: color	Leaf: shape	Yield
	(a) results from a given genotype or combination of genotypes	Yes	Yes	
	(b) sufficiently consistent and repeatable in a particular environment	Yes	Yes	
	(c) exhibits sufficient variation between varieties to be able to establish distinctness	Yes	Yes	
	(d) is capable of precise definition and recognition	Yes	Yes	
	(e) allows uniformity requirements to be fulfilled	Yes	Yes	
	(f) allows stability requirements to be fulfilled	Yes	Yes	
	Commercial value	Yes	No	
	ACCEPTABILITY	Yes	Yes	

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	(c) exhibits sufficient variation between varieties to be able to establish distinctness	Yes	Yes	???
	(d) is capable of precise definition and recognition	Yes	Yes	(No)
	(e) allows uniformity requirements to be fulfilled	Yes	Yes	???
	(f) allows stability requirements to be fulfilled	Yes	Yes	???
	Commercial value	Yes	No	Yes
	ACCEPTABILITY	Yes	Yes	No

Special Character	ristics: Disease Resistance
Criteria	Disease Resistance
(a) results from a given genotype or combination of genotypes	*Knowledge of nature of genetic control of resistance is important
(b) sufficiently consistent and repeatable in a particular environment	*Standardize conditions (greenhouse / laboratory) & methodology *Standardize inoculum *Ring-test
(c) exhibits sufficient variation between varieties to be able to establish distinctness	*Susceptible / Resistant OR varying degrees of resistance?
(d) is capable of precise definition and recognition	*Define and recognize races and strains
(e) allows uniformity requirements to be fulfilled	see above
(f) allows stability requirements to be fulfilled	see above
	Difficult and expensive



3. TEST GUIDELINES

- (b) Guidance on drafting characteristics
 - (i) Types of expression (QL, QN, PQ), notes and distinctness



TYPE OF EXPRESSION OF CHARACTERISTICS (QL, QN, PQ)

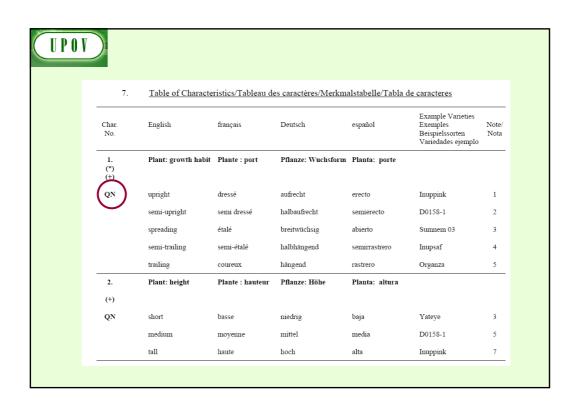


Types of Expression

QL: QUALITATIVE

QN: QUANTITATIVE

PQ: PSEUDO-QUALITATIVE

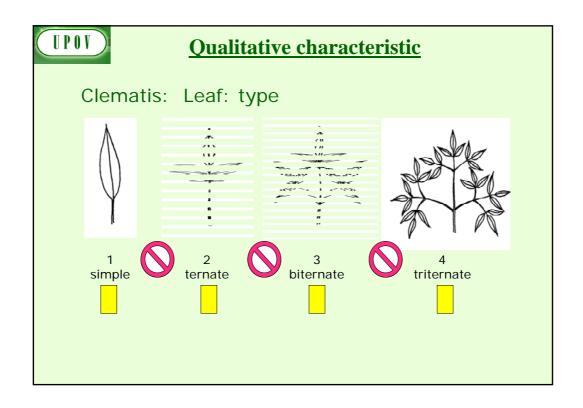




OUALITATIVE Characteristics

"Qualitative characteristics" are those that are **expressed in discontinuous states** (e.g. sex of plant: dioecious female (1), dioecious male (2), monoecious unisexual (3), monoecious hermaphrodite (4)).

These states are self-explanatory and independently meaningful. All states are necessary to describe the full range of the characteristic, and every form of expression can be described by a single state. The order of states is not important. As a rule, the **characteristics are not influenced by environment**.



NON-Qualitative characteristic

Anthocyanin coloration: absent / present

	Variety A	Variety B	Variety C
Environment A			
Environment B			



OUANTITATIVE Characteristics

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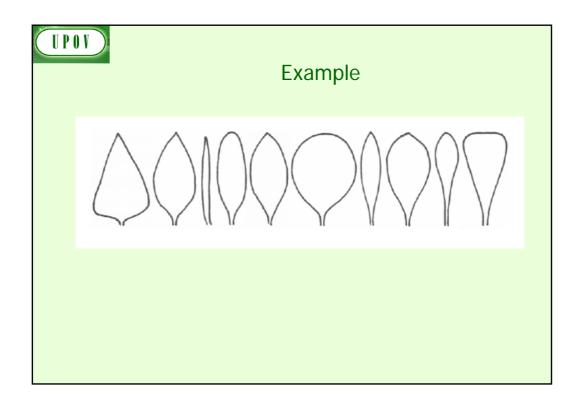
Characteristic: Plant height

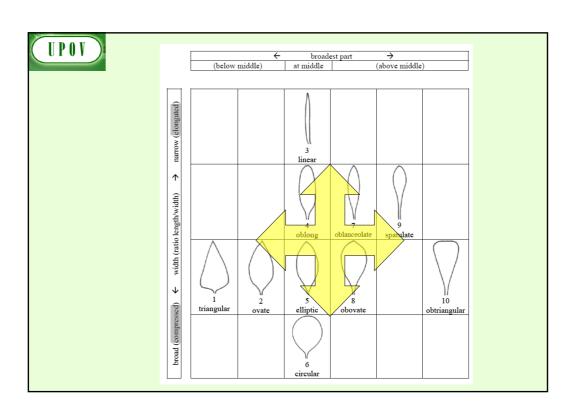


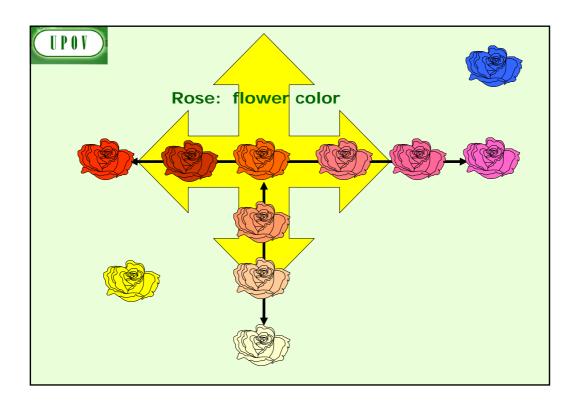


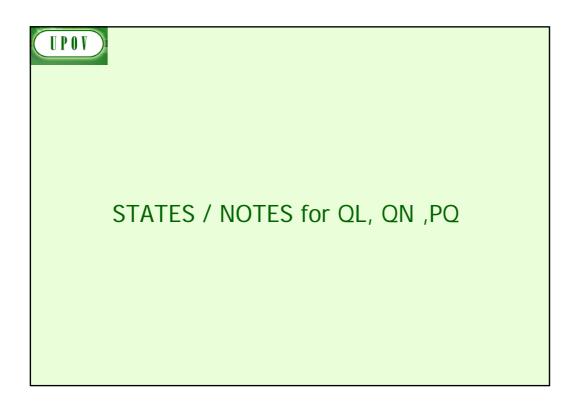
PSEUDO-QUALITATIVE Characteristics

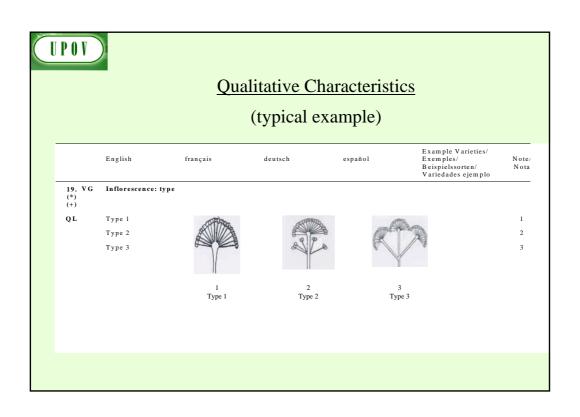
In the case of "pseudo-qualitative characteristics," the **range of expression is at least partly continuous, but varies in more than one dimension** (e.g. shape: ovate (1), elliptic (2), circular (3), obovate (4)) and cannot be adequately described by just defining two ends of a linear range. In a similar way to qualitative (discontinuous) characteristics — hence the term "pseudo-qualitative" — each individual state of expression needs to be identified to adequately describe the range of the characteristic.















Quantitative Characteristics

weak/strong short/long small/large

Note	<u>State</u>
1	very weak
	(or: absent or very weak)
2	very weak to weak
3	weak
4	weak to medium
5	medium
6	medium to strong
7	strong
8	strong to very strong
9	very strong

Note	State
1	very small
	(or: absent or very small)
2	very small to small
3	small
4	small to medium
5	medium
6	medium to large
7	large
8	large to very large
9	very large



Quantitative Characteristics

Standard Range Version 1	Standard Range Version 2	Standard Range Version 3	Standard Range Version 4
1 very weak (or: absent or very weak)	1 very weak (or: absent or very weak)	-	-
3 weak	3 weak	3 weak	3 weak
5 medium	5 medium	5 medium	5 medium
7 strong	7 strong	7 strong	7 strong
9 very strong	-	9 very strong	-



Quantitative Characteristics

State	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
	Size relative to:	Angle:	Position:	Length in relation to:
1	much smaller	very acute	at base	equal
3	moderately smaller	moderately acute	one quarter from base	slightly shorter
5	same size	right angle	in middle	moderately shorter
7	moderately larger	moderately obtuse	one quarter from apex end	much shorter
9	much larger	very obtuse	at apex	very much shorter



Quantitative Characteristics

Limited range

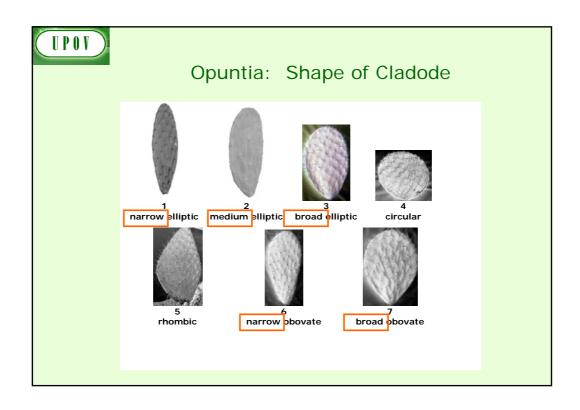
Example 1
Stem: attitude
erect
semi-erect
prostrate

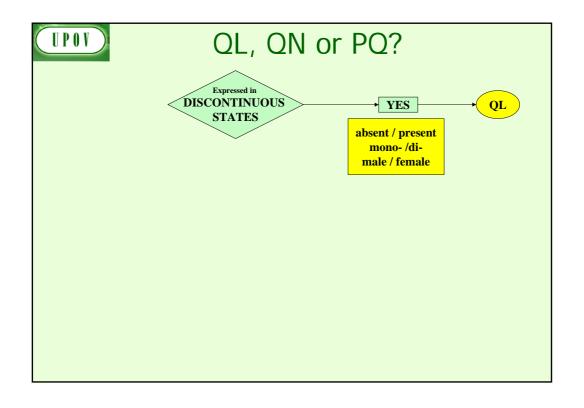
Condensed range

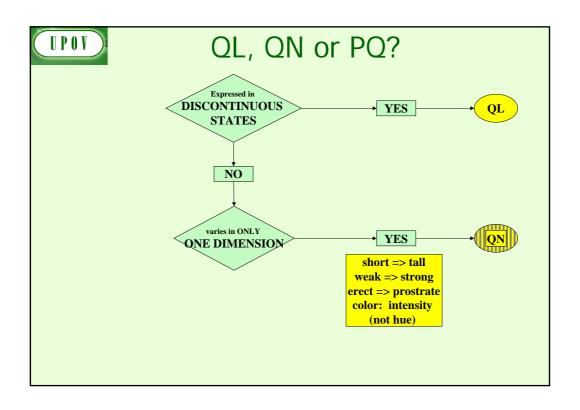
Ex	ample 1
1	e.g. absent or very weak
	(absent or very weakly expressed)
2	weak
	(weakly expressed)
3	strong
	(strongly expressed)

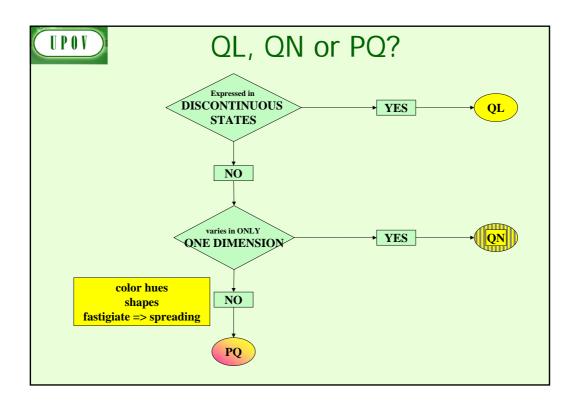
Ex	Example 2	
1	e.g. absent or weak	
	(absent or weakly expressed)	
2	moderate (or medium)	
	(moderately expressed)	
3	strong	
	(strongly expressed)	

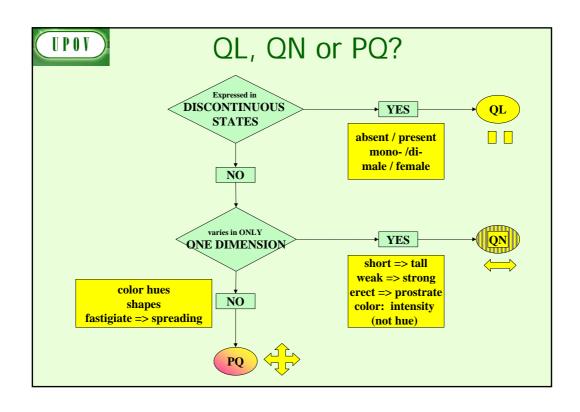
Pseudo-qualitative Characteristics (typical examples)						
24. (+)	Flower: color of the center	Fleur: couleur du centre	Farbe der Mitte	Flor: color del centro		
PQ	green	vert	grün	verde	1	
	yellow	jaune	gelb	amarillo	2	
	orange	orange	orange	naranja	3	
	pink	rose	rosa	rosa	4	
	red	rouge	rot	rojo	5	
	purple	pourpre	purpum	púrpura	6	











EXERCISE

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What type of Expression?

QL: Qualitative

QN: Quantitative

PQ: Pseudo-qualitative

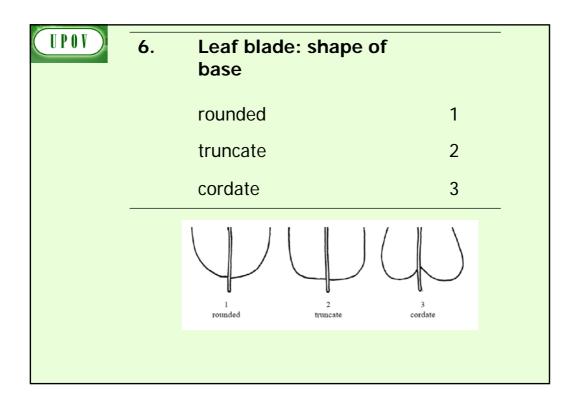
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		Note/ Nota
1.	Plant: ploidy	
	diploid	2
	tetraploid	4
	hexaploid	6
	octoploid	8

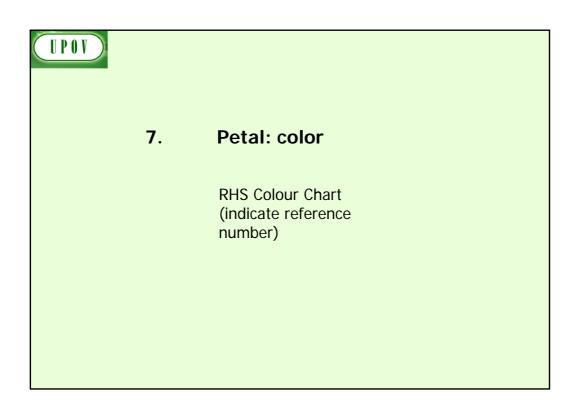
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2.	Leaf sheath: anthocyanin coloration	
	absent or very weak	1
	weak	3
	medium	5
	strong	7
	very strong	9

3.	Plant: rhizomes	
	absent	1
	present	9

4.	Petal: color	
	white	1
	yellow	2
	orange	3
	red	4
	pink	5
	purple	6
	4.	white yellow orange red pink

5.	Leaf blade: intensity of green color of upper side	
	light	3
	medium	5
	dark	7





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	8.	Leaf blade: profile in cross section	
		straight or weakly concave	1
		moderately concave	2
		strongly concave	3

NOTES and DISTINCTNESS according to TYPE OF EXPRESSION (QL, PQ, QN)



Types of Expression

QL: QUALITATIVE

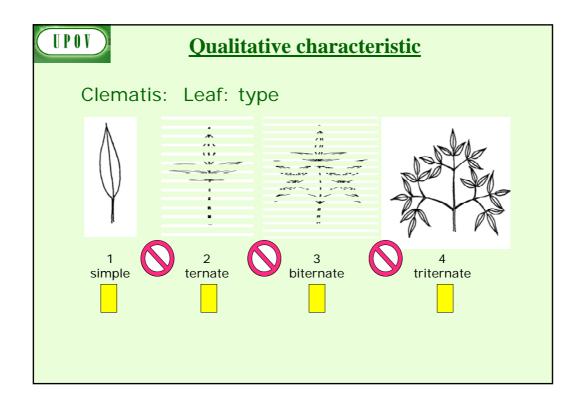
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Qualitative Characteristics: distinctness

In qualitative characteristics, the difference between two varieties may be considered clear if one or more characteristics have expressions that fall into **two different states in the Test Guidelines**. Varieties should not be considered distinct for a qualitative characteristic if they have the same state of expression.

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Types of Expression

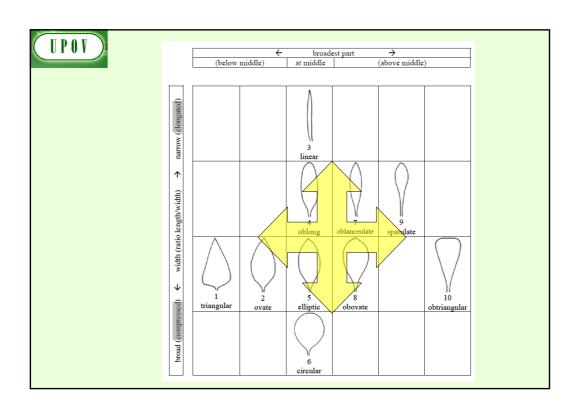
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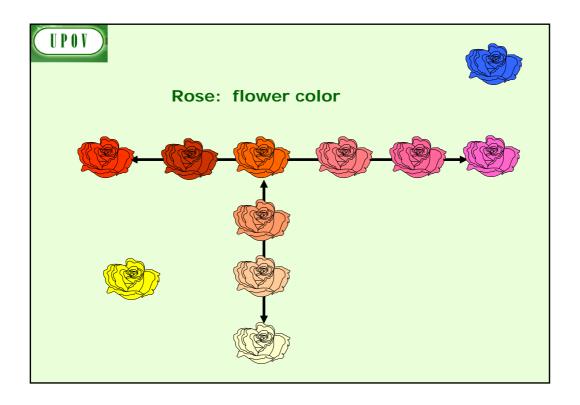
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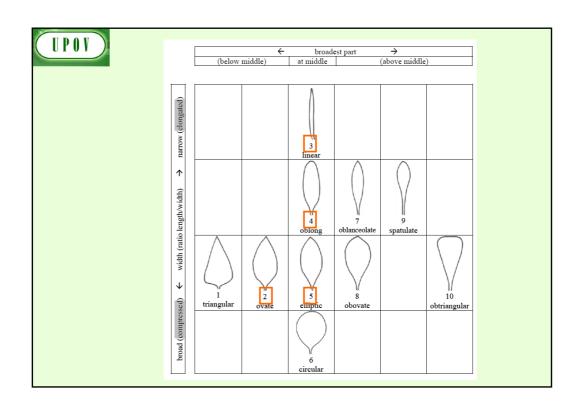




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Pseudo-Qualitative Characteristics: distinctness

A different state in the Test Guidelines may not be sufficient to establish distinctness (see also section 5.5.2.3). However, in certain circumstances, varieties described by the same state of expression may be clearly distinguishable.



Types of Expression QL: QUALITATIVE QN: QUANTITATIVE PQ: PSEUDO-QUALITATIVE



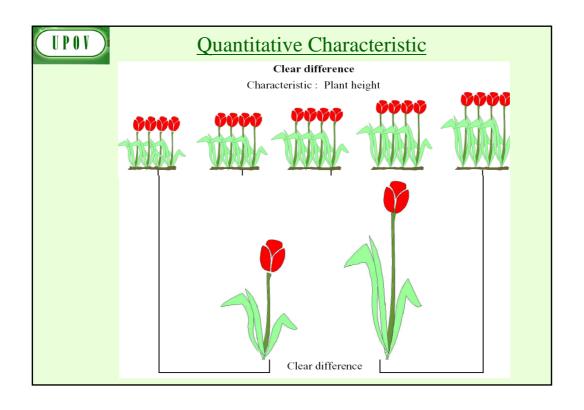
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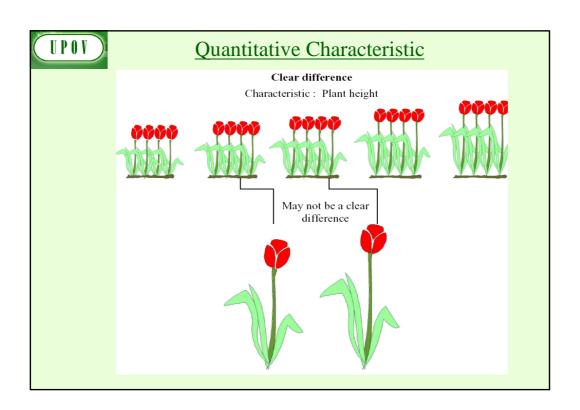
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Quantitative Characteristics: **distinctness**

Quantitative characteristics are considered for distinctness according to the method of observation and the features of propagation of the variety concerned...







NOTES

versus

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

(Quantitative characteristics)



TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness"

- 5.2 Approaches for assessing distinctness
- 5.2.1 Introduction
- 5.2.1.1 Approaches for assessment of distinctness based on the growing trial can be summarized as follows:
 - (a) **Side-by-side visual comparison** in the growing trial (see Section 5.2.2);
 - (b) Assessment by Notes / single variety records ("Notes"): the assessment of distinctness is based on the recorded state of expression of the characteristics of the variety

(see Section 5.2.3);

(c) Statistical analysis of growing trial data:



Quantitative Characteristics: **distinctness**

The General Introduction explains that, in the case of visually observed quantitative characteristics:

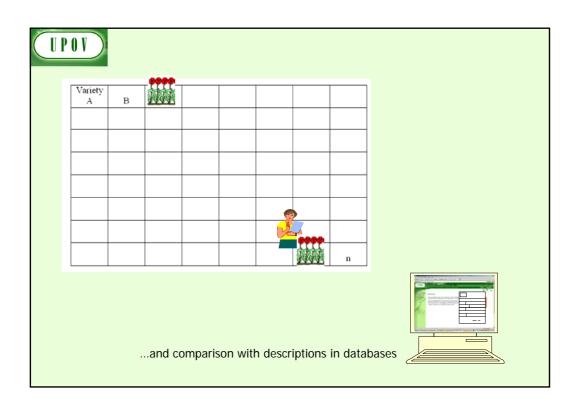
"5.5.2.2.2 A direct comparison between two similar varieties is always recommended, since direct pairwise comparisons are the most reliable. In each comparison, a difference between two varieties is acceptable as soon as it can be assessed visually and could be measured, although such measurement might be impractical or require unreasonable effort."



TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness"

5.2.3.1.2 Where the requirements for distinctness assessment by Notes / single variety records are met it would usually also be possible to make a side-by-side visual comparison. However, in the case of assessment by Notes / single variety records, such proximity is not required, which is a particular advantage where the growing trial contains a large number of varieties and where there are limited possibilities for ensuring that all similar varieties are grouped together in the growing trial. ...

On the other hand, because the varieties are not the subject of a side-by-side visual comparison, the difference required between varieties as a basis for distinctness is, with the exception of qualitative characteristics (see below), somewhat greater.



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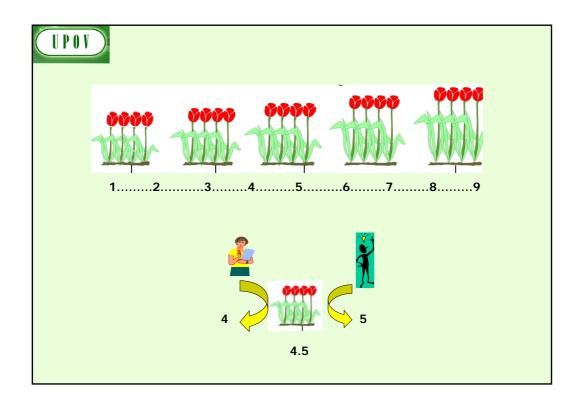
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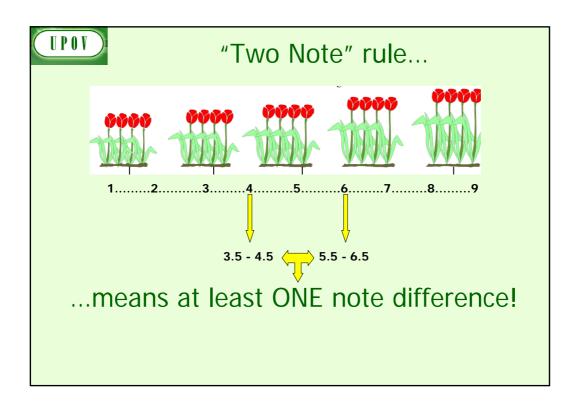
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<u>Test Guidelines</u> (TGP/7 proposed revised text)

Difference of **two Notes to represent a clear difference if** the **comparison** between two varieties is performed **at the level of Notes**:

WHY?







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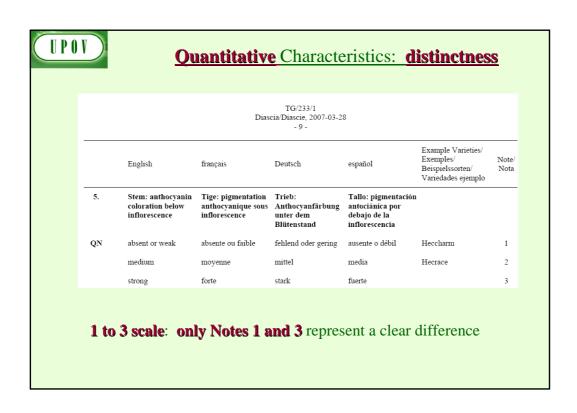
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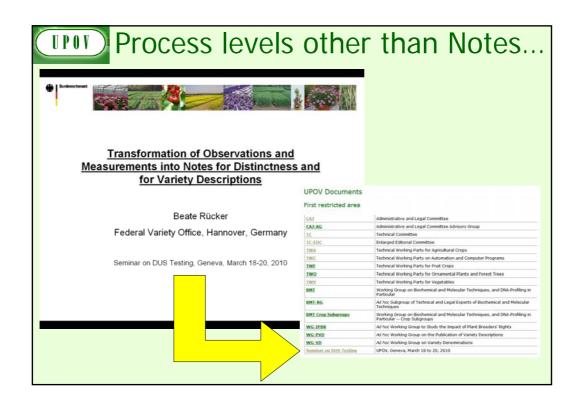


Quantitative Characteristics: **distinctness**

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	English	français	Deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
6. (*)	(a) Leaf blade: length	Limbe: longueur	Blattspreite: Länge	Limbo: longitud		
QN	short	courte	kurz	corto	Coditer, Strawberry Sundae	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	medio	Codiusre	5
	long	longue	lang	largo	Balwhislapi, Balwhiswhit	7

1 to 9 scale: **Notes 1 and 3**, **Notes 2 and 4**, Notes 3 and 5 **etc.** represent a clear difference



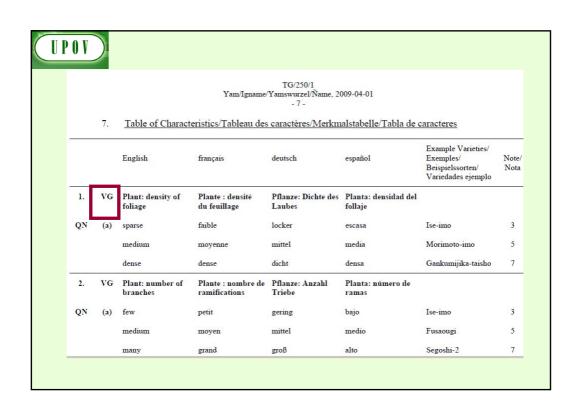




3. TEST GUIDELINES

(b) Guidance on drafting characteristics

(ii) Method of observation (V/M; G/S)





Method of Observation

M: Measurement:

an objective **observation against a calibrated, linear scale** e.g. using a ruler, weighing scales, colorimeter, dates, counts, etc.);

V: Visual observation:

includes observations where the expert uses **reference points** (e.g. diagrams, example varieties, side-by-side comparison) or non-linear charts (e.g. color charts).

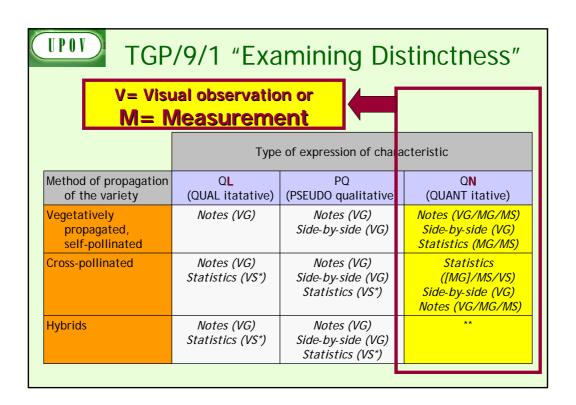
"Visual" observation refers to the sensory observations of the expert and, therefore, also **includes smell, taste and touch**.



TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness"

	Type of expression of characteristic						
Method of propagation of the variety	Q L (QUAL itatative)	PQ (PSEUDO qualitative)	Q <mark>N</mark> (QUANT itative)				
Vegetatively propagated, self-pollinated	Notes (VG)	Notes (VG) Side-by-side (VG)	Notes (VG/MG/MS) Side-by-side (VG) Statistics (MG/MS)				
Cross-pollinated	Notes (VG) Statistics (VS*)	Notes (VG) Side-by-side (VG) Statistics (VS*)	Statistics ([MG]/MS/VS) Side-by-side (VG) Notes (VG/MG/MS)				
Hybrids	Notes (VG) Statistics (VS*)	Notes (VG) Side-by-side (VG) Statistics (VS*)	**				

TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness"										
	V= Visual	observation								
	Туре с	of expression of characte	ristic							
Method of propagatior of the variety	QL (QUAL itatative)	PQ (PSEUDO qualitative)	QN (QUANT itative)							
Vegetatively propagated, Self-pollinated	Notes (VG)	Notes (VG) Side-by-side (VG)	Notes (VG/MG/MS) Side-by-side (VG) Statistics (MG/MS)							
Cross-pollinated	Notes (VG) Statistics (VS*)	Notes (VG) Side-by-side (VG) Statistics (VS*)	Statistics ([MG]/MS/VS) Side-by-side (VG) Notes (VG/MG/MS)							
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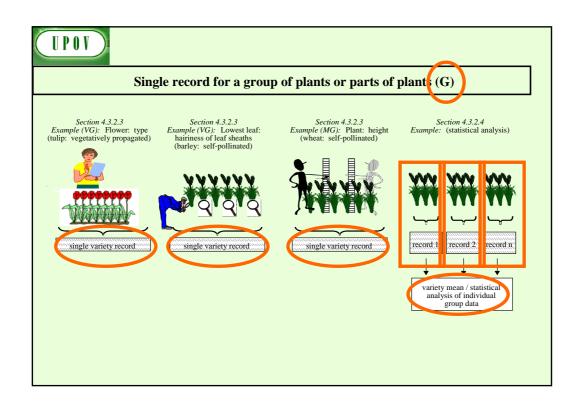
Type of Record

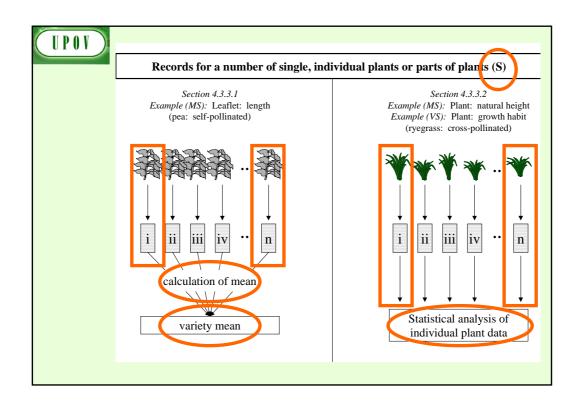
(for the purposes of distinctness)

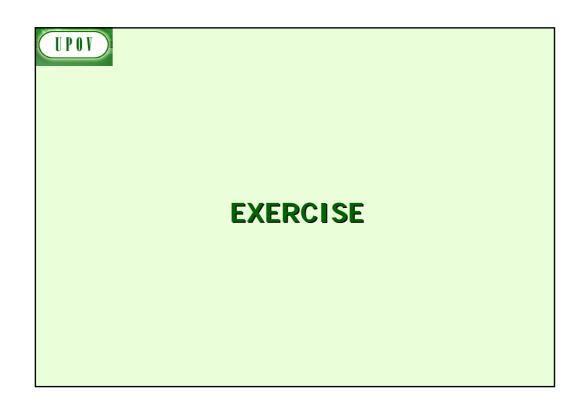
G: single record for a variety, or a GROUP of plants or parts of plants;

In most cases, "G" provides a single record per variety and it is not possible or necessary to apply statistical methods in a plantby-plant analysis for the assessment of distinctness.

S: records for a number of **SINGLE**, individual **plants** or parts of plants ...









3. TEST GUIDELINES

(b) Guidance on drafting characteristics

(iii) Asterisked, grouping and TQ characteristics

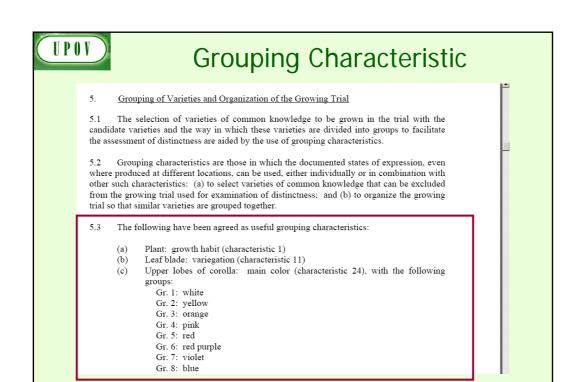


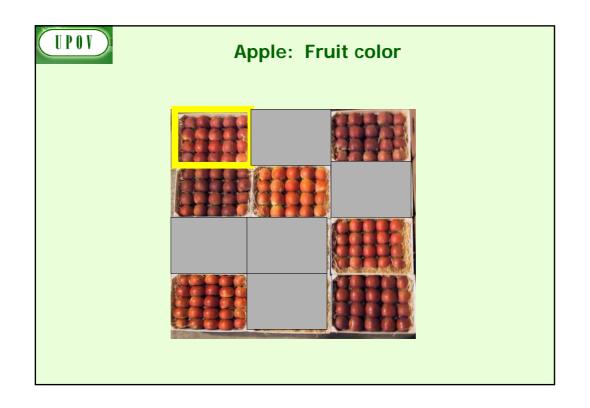
Standard Test Guidelines Characteristic

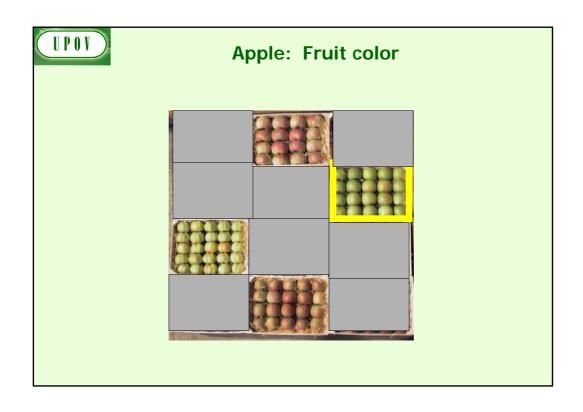
Function	Criteria
1. Characteristics that are accepted by UPOV for examination of DUS and from which members of the Union can select those suitable for their particular	1. Must satisfy the criteria for use of any characteristic for DUS as set out in Chapter 4, section 4.2 .
circumstances.	2.Must have been used to develop a variety description by at least one member of the Union .
	3. Where there is a long list of such characteristics and, where considered appropriate, there may be an indication of the extent of use of each characteristic.

7.	Table of Characte	risues/ rableau	des caractères/Merkma	aistauette/Tauta	de caracteres	
Char. No.	English	français	Deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note Note
(b)	Plant: growth habit	Plante : port	Pflanze: Wuchsform	Planta: porte		
QN	upright	dressé	aufrecht	erecto	Inuppink	1
	semi-upright	semi dressé	halbaufrecht	semierecto	D0158-1	2
	spreading	étalé	breitwüchsig	abierto	Sumnem 03	3
	semi-trailing	semi-étalé	halbhängend	semirrastrero	Inupsaf	4
	trailing	coureux	hängend	rastrero	Organza	5

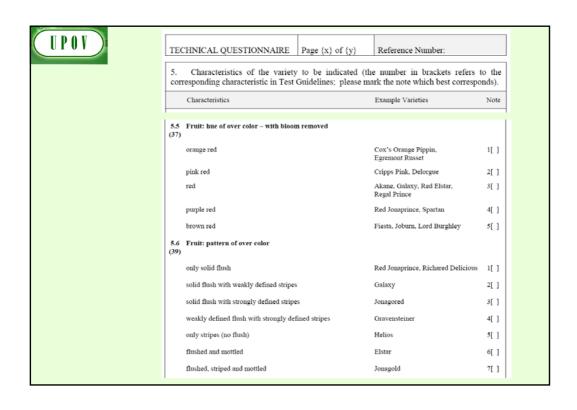
Asteriske	Asterisked Characteristic									
Function	Criteria									
1. Characteristics that are important for the international harmonization of variety descriptions.	1.Must be a characteristic included in the Test Guidelines. 2.Should always be examined for DUS and included in the variety description by all members of the Union EXCEPT when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this inappropriate. 3.Must be useful for function 1. 4.Particular care should be taken before selection of disease resistance characteristics.									

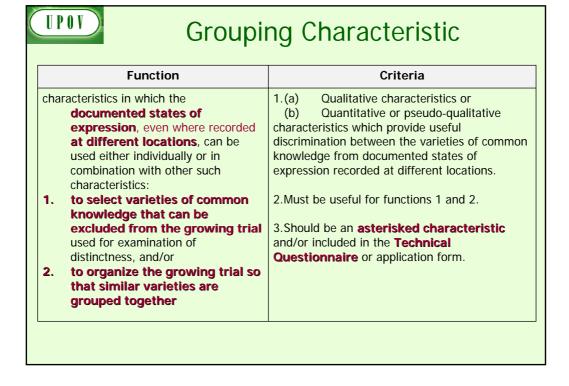






UPOV	10. Technical Questionnaire	
	TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE Page {x} of {y} Reference Number:	
	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)	
	TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights	
	Subject of the Technical Questionnaire	
	1.1 Botanical name Malus domestica Borkh. 1.2 Common name Apple	
	2. Applicant	
	Name Address	
	Telephone No.	







Relationship between functions

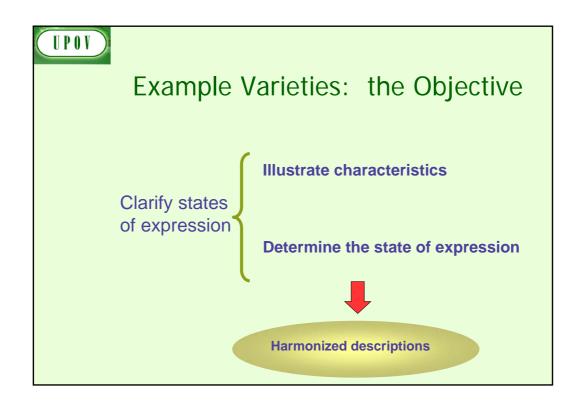
- (a) GROUPING CHARACTERISTICS selected from the Table of Characteristics should, in general, receive an asterisk in the Table of Characteristics and be included in the Technical Questionnaire.
- (b) TQ CHARACTERISTICS selected from the Table of Characteristics should, in general, receive an asterisk in the Table of Characteristics and be used as grouping characteristics. TQ characteristics are not restricted to those characteristics used as grouping characteristics;
- (c) ASTERISKED CHARACTERISTICS are not restricted to those characteristics selected as grouping or TQ characteristics.

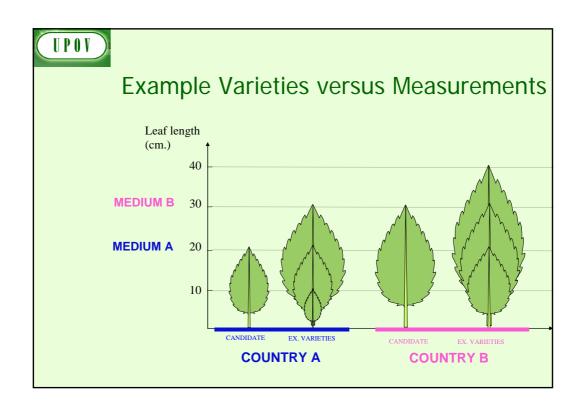


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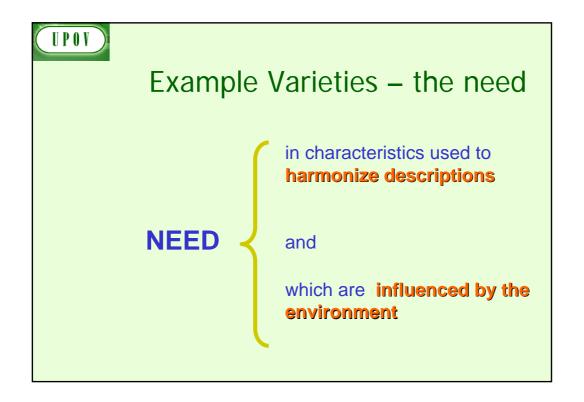
(b) Guidance on drafting characteristics

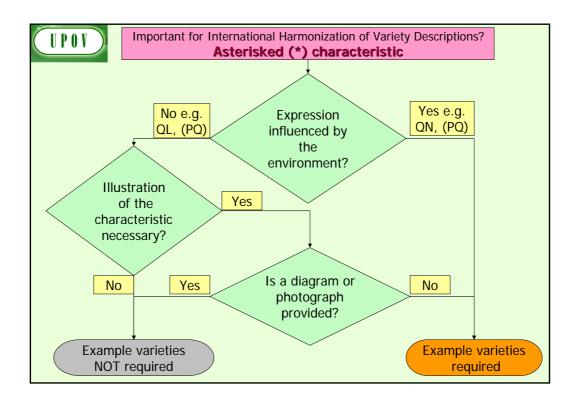
(iv) Example varieties

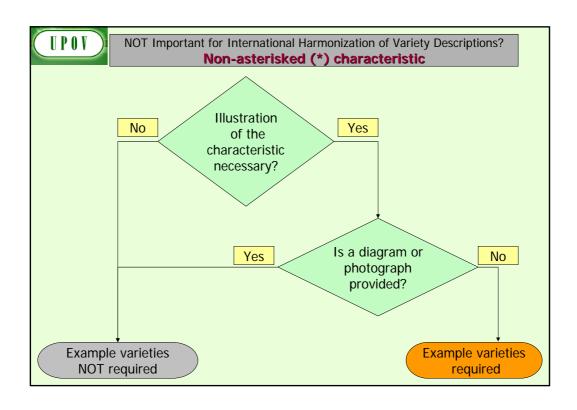




Example Varieties –the need





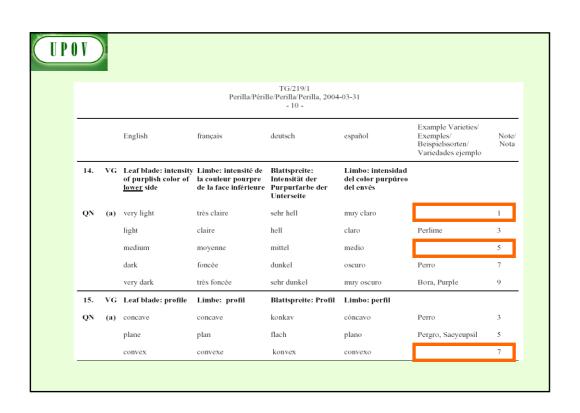


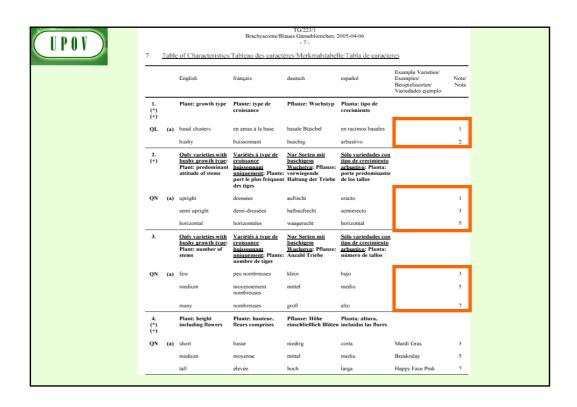


TG/13/9 Lettuce/Laitue/Salat/Lechuga, 2004-03-31 - 7 -

7. <u>Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres</u>

	English	français	Deutsch	españo l	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. (*)	Seed: color	Semence: couleur	Samen: Farbe	Semilla: color		
	white	blanche	weiß	blanco	Verpia	1
	yellow	jaune	gelb	amarillo	Durango	2
	black	noire	schwarz	negro	Kagraner Sommer	3
2. (*) (+)	Seedling: anthocyanin coloration	Plantule: pigmentation anthocyanique	Keimpflanze: Anthocyanfärbung	Plántula: pigmentación antociánica		
	absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Verpia	1
	present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Pirat	9
3.	Seedling: size of cotyledon (fully developed)	Plantule: taille du cotylédon (à complet développement)	Keimpflanze: Größe des Keimblatts (voll entwickelt)			
	small	petit	klein	pequeño	Romance	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Expresse	5
	large	grand	groß	grande	Verpia	7







3. TEST GUIDELINES (document TGP/7)

(c) The process for developing UPOV

Test Guidelines



Test Guidelines

• 267 Test Guidelines adopted

(the 267 Test Guidelines cover around 90% of PBR-related varieties in UPOV-ROM)

but...

3,000 genera and species with varieties examined for PBR



Test Guidelines

- 267 Test Guidelines adopted
- Further **58 to be discussed** in 2011
 - 37 new Test Guidelines
 - 15 Revisions
 - 6 Partial revisions(29 "final" draft stage)



PRIORITY for UPOV Test Guidelines

PRIORITY for species or crops with high:

- number of authorities receiving PBR applications;
- number of PBR applications;
- number of foreign applications received by UPOV members;
- economic importance;
- level of breeding activity

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EXAMPLE (New Test Guidelines)

Test Guidelines: Plantus magnifica L.

(Common name: Alpha)

Technical Working Party: TWX

TWX (2005):
TWX (2006):
Alpha (proj. 1)
Alpha (proj. 2)
Alpha (proj. 3)
Alpha (proj. 3)
Alpha (proj. 4)
Alpha (proj. 4)
Alpha (proj. 4)
Alpha (proj. 5)
Final adopted document (2008):
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4. UPOV DATABASES



Article 20 of the 1991 Act (Variety denominations)

(2) [Characteristics of the **denomination**]

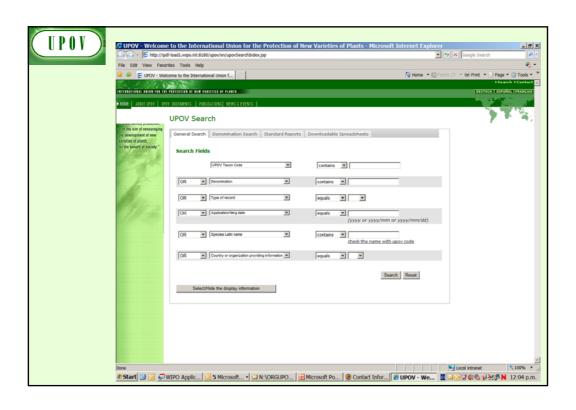
In particular, it must be different from every denomination which designates, in the territory of any Contracting Party, an existing variety of the same plant species or of a closely related species.

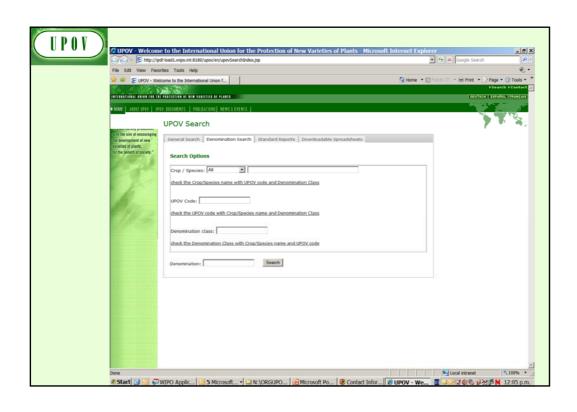


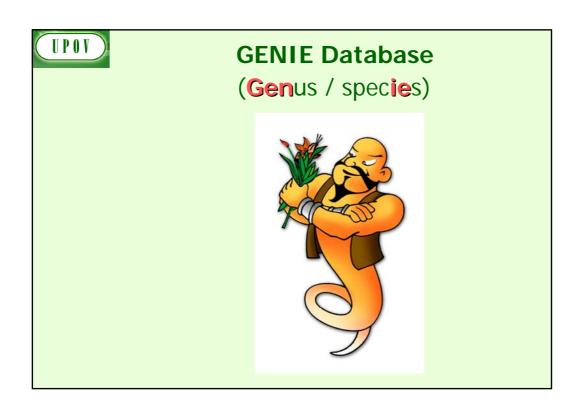


Plant Variety Database

Freely accessible on the UPOV website during 2011









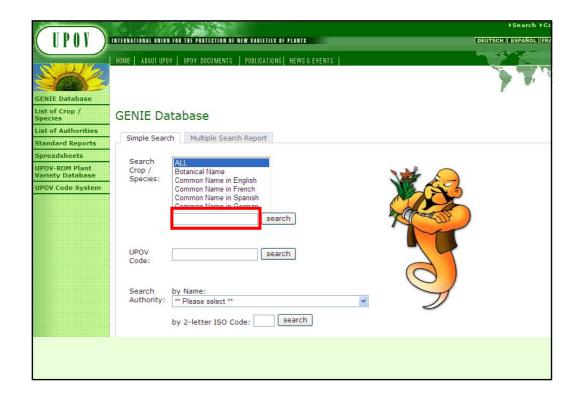
GENIE Database 🥞



Variety denomination related information Protection offered by UPOV members

DUS information

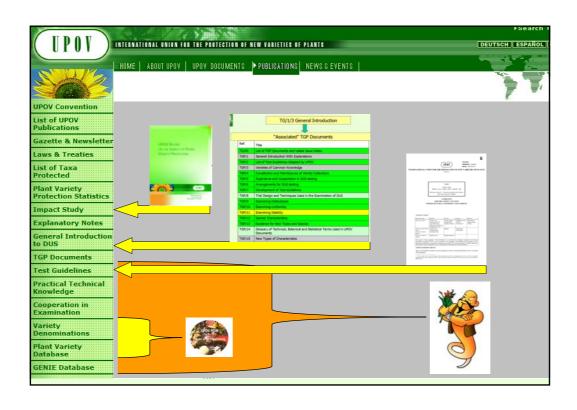
- UPOV Test Guidelines
- practical experience of UPOV (document TC/44/4)
- cooperation in DUS examination (document C/41/5)

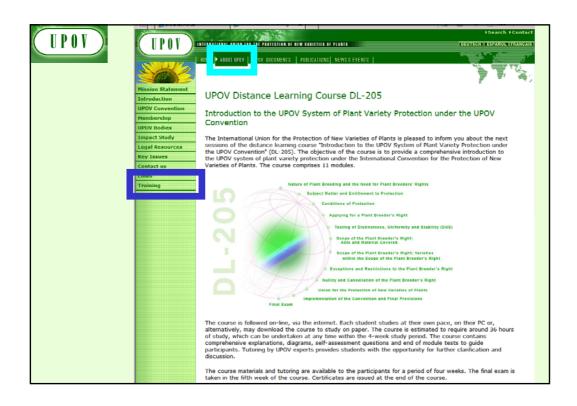


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5. THE UPOV WEBSITE

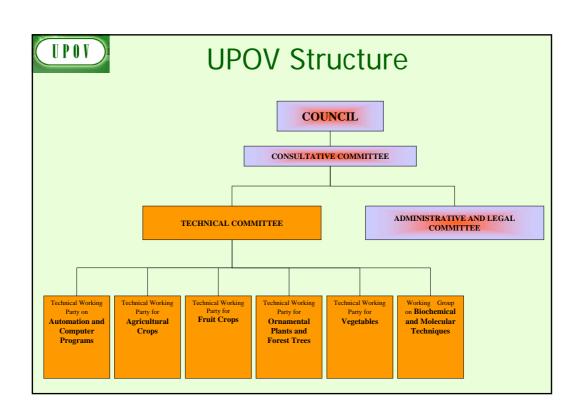


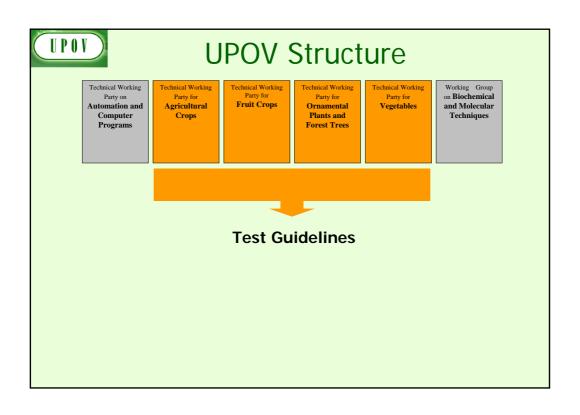


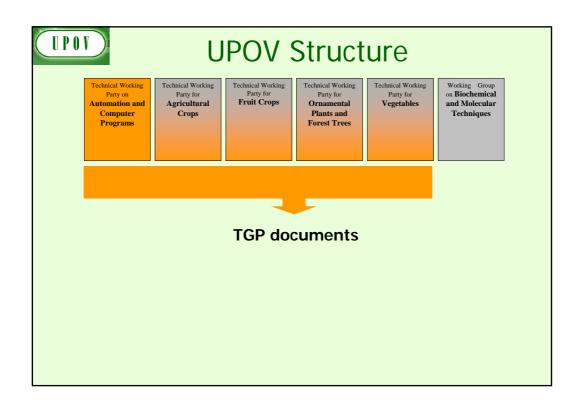


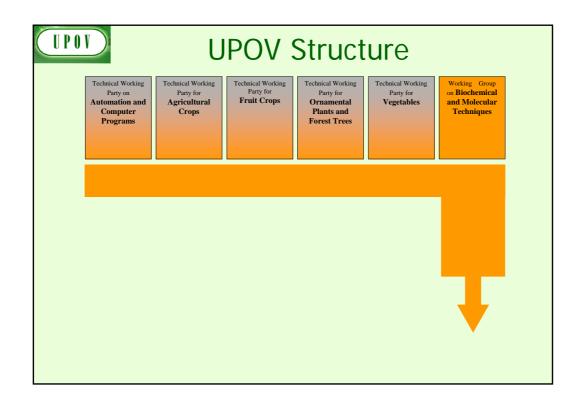


6. ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIES AND THE BMT











Role of the BMT

The BMT is a group open to DUS experts, biochemical and molecular specialists and plant breeders, whose role is to:

- (i) Review general developments in biochemical and molecular techniques;
- (ii) Maintain an awareness of relevant applications of biochemical and molecular techniques in plant breeding;
- (iii) Consider the possible application of biochemical and molecular techniques in DUS testing and report its considerations to the TC;
- (iv) If appropriate, establish guidelines for biochemical and molecular methodologies and their harmonization [...];
- (v) Consider initiatives from TWPs, for the establishment of crop specific subgroups [...];
- (vi) Develop guidelines regarding the management and harmonization of databases of biochemical and molecular information, in conjunction with the TWC;
- (vii) Receive reports from Crop Subgroups and the BMT Review Group;
- (viii) Provide a forum for discussion on the use of biochemical and molecular techniques in the consideration of essential derivation and variety identification.



Role of the BMT

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 - => BMT/12 agenda items 4, 6 and 12 and
 - => BMT/DUS Draft 3 "Possible Use of Molecular Markers in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS)"



Role of the BMT

Guidance and harmonization for a range of applications

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 - => BMT Guidelines
 - => BMT/12 agenda items 7 to 9



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Raise awareness of general developments:

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=> BMT/12 agenda item 5



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 - => BMT/12 agenda items 10 and 11 and
 - => presentations to follow



BMT Forum

"BREEDERS' DAY"

at BMT/13, November 22, 2011, Brasilia

Use of molecular techniques in:

- variety identification
- essential derivation



7. AGENDA for the TWP Session

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[TECHNICAL WORKSHOP] (optional)	Reports on developmen	ts in PVP	TGP document development		TGP document development Experiences w types and spec Variety denom		pecies	Databases, Electronic application systems Exchangeable software		
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AN OPPORTUNITY for TRAINING

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