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Management of reference collections

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 The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) at its forty-seventh session held in Nagasaki, Japan, from May 20 to 24, 2013, proposed that a suitable agenda item be added to the program of its
forty-eighth session, under which the following items would be discussed (see document TWV/47/34 “Report”, paragraph 122):

1. Presentation on the use of statistical approaches in DUS examination (document to be prepared by the Netherlands and presentations invited from members of the Union)
2. Presentation on the use of disease resistance characteristics in DUS examination (document to be prepared by the European Union and presentations invited from members of the Union)
3. Management of reference collections (document to be prepared by France and presentations invited from members of the Union)
4. New issues arising for DUS examination (presentations invited from members of the Union)

 The expert from the France will make a presentation on the management of reference collections, at the forty-eighth session of the TWV in 2014. A copy of the presentation will be reproduced in an addendum to this document.

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