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INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

GENEVA

SEMINAR ON DUS TESTING

Geneva, March 18 to 20, 2010

Aim:

To provide information and facilitate discussion on:

- arrangements for DUS testing; and
- guidance for DUS testing, including test guidelines, the management of variety collections and variety descriptions.

Target Audience:

Officials responsible for organizing DUS testing
Staff of plant variety protection offices and DUS testing organizations
DUS examiners
DUS data administrators
Breeders

PROGRAM

Thursday, March 18

09.00 Opening

Session 1: Arrangements for DUS Testing

Moderator: Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

09.05 Introduction – Mr. Peter Button, Technical Director, UPOV

09.20 Profile of Australia – Mr. Doug Waterhouse

09.45 Profile of France – Mr. Joël Guiard

10.10 Profile of Japan – Mr. Kenji Numaguchi

10.35 *Coffee*

11.05 Profile of Switzerland – Mrs. Manuela Brand

11.30 Profile of the European Union – Mr. Dirk Theobald

12.00 *Lunch*

Session 1: Arrangements for DUS Testing (continued)

14.00 Discussion

Session 2: Breeders' Perspective on DUS Testing

Moderator: Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

14.20 International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA) – Mr. Lars Henriksen

14.40 International Seed Federation (ISF) – Mrs. Astrid Schenkevold

15.00 Discussion

Session 3: Role of the Technical Committee and the Technical Working Parties

Moderator: Mr. Chris Barnaby (Assistant Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights / Examiner, (New Zealand)), Chairman of the Technical Committee, UPOV

15.20 Role of the Technical Committee and the Technical Working Parties in developing and providing guidance on DUS testing – Mr. Peter Button

Session 4: DUS Training provided by members of the Union

Moderator: Mr. Chris Barnaby

15.40 DUS Training organized by Japan – Mr. Tsukasa Kawakami

15.50 DUS Training organized by the Netherlands – Mr. ArndJan van Wijk

16.00 DUS Training organized by Poland – Mrs. Julia Borys

16.10 DUS Training organized by the Republic of Korea – Mr. Chan Woong Park

16.20 DUS Training organized by Spain – Mr. Luis Salaices

16.30 Reports by other members of the Union (oral interventions invited)

17.00 *Close*

17.00 – 17.30 Demonstration of GENIE database (no interpretation)

Friday, March 19

Session 5: Guidance for DUS Testing

Moderator: Mr. Joël Guiard (Deputy Director GEVES (France)), Vice Chairman of the Technical Committee, UPOV

(a) Developing authority's test guidelines from UPOV Test Guidelines

- 09.00 Introduction – Mr. Peter Button
09.15 Procedure in Brazil – Mr. Luis Gustavo Asp Pacheco
09.30 Procedure in the European Union – Mr. Jean Maison
09.45 Procedure in the Russian Federation* - Mr. Y. A. Rogovskiy,
Mr. T.V. Nikolaevskaya, Mrs. A.V. Tretinnikova

(b) DUS testing in the absence of UPOV Test Guidelines

- 10.00 Introduction based on document TGP/13 “Guidance for New Types and Species”
– Mr. Peter Button
10.15 Experience in the European Union – Mr. Sergio Semon
10.30 *Coffee*
10.45 Experience in Australia - Mr. Doug Waterhouse
11.00 Experience in the Netherlands – Mr. Kees Grashoff
11.15 Discussion

Session 6: Management of Variety Collections

Moderator: Mrs. Julia Borys (Head DUS Testing Department, COBORU (Poland))

- 11.30 Introduction based on document TGP/4 “Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections” and document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness” –
Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Senior Counsellor, UPOV
12.00 *Lunch*

Session 6: Management of Variety Collections (continued)

- 14.00 Experience in Canada – Mr. Michel Cormier
14.30 Experience in France – Mr. Joël Guiard
15.00 Experience in Germany – Mrs. Beate Rücker
15.30 Experience in Mexico – Mr. Aquiles Carballo
16.00 Experience in the Netherlands – Mr. Raoul Haegens
16.30 Discussion
17.00 *Close*

* To be presented by Mr. Makoto Tabata, Senior Counselor, UPOV

Saturday, March 20

Session 7: Developing Variety Descriptions and their Use for Distinctness and the Management of Variety Collections

09.00 Introduction based on document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”-
Mr. Peter Button

(a) *Transformation of Observations and Measurements into Notes for Distinctness and for Variety Descriptions*

Moderator: Mrs. Beate Rücker (Head DUS Testing Department, Bundessortenamt (Germany))

09.15 Experience in Germany – Mrs. Beate Rücker

09.45 Experience in Japan – Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto

10.15 Experience in the Republic of Korea – Mr. Keun-Jin Choi

10.45 *Coffee*

11.00 Experience in the United Kingdom – Mr. Trevor Gilliland

11.30 Discussion

12.00 *Lunch*

Session 7: Developing Variety Descriptions and their Use for Distinctness and the Management of Variety Collections (continued)

(b) *Use of Variety Descriptions Provided by Breeders*

Moderator: Mr. Alejandro Barrientos Priego (Professor / Investigator, Department of Phytotechnics, Chapingo Autonomous University (Mexico))

13.30 Experience in Argentina – Mr. Marcelo Labarta

14.00 Experience in Australia – Mr. Doug Waterhouse

14.30 Experience in Canada – Mr. Michel Cormier

15.00 Experience in France – Mr. Joël Guiard

15.30 Experience in United States of America – Mr. Mark Hermeling

16.00 Discussion

16.30 *Close*

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