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**Seminar on PVP & Technology Transfer:
the Benefits of Public-Private Partnership**

Closing remarks by the Chairs

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Use of Plant Variety Protection by National Research Centers

Chair: Enriqueta Molina Conclusions – Session 1

Plant Variety Protection:

- Promotes private sector involvement in research and development
- A tool for technology transfer
- Provides a legal framework for financial investment
- Encourages innovation in breeding aims, particularly for the development of new or niche markets
- Focuses investment on meeting the needs of farmers and consumers

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2. Jenn James, Grasslanz
3. Shadrack R. Moephuli, ARC
4. Filipe de Moraes Teixeira, EMBRAPA
5. Yves Lespinasse, INRA

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Technology Transfer by the Private Sector

Chair: Kitisri Sukhapinda Conclusions – Session 2

Private sector:

- An effective means of delivering varieties to farmers
- Assessment of the market potential of varieties
- Link between public research and the needs of farmers
- Provides a channel for income for public sector research
- Facilitates strategic associations and coordinated technology transfer

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2. Barry Barker, Masstock Arable
3. Diego Risso, URUPOV
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International Research Centers

Chair: David Boreham Conclusions – Session 3

- PVP provides a mechanism to facilitate dissemination of varieties to farmers: open access does not ensure widespread dissemination or use
- PVP provides a system to increase availability of varieties suited to farmers' needs
- PVP provides incentives for SME's, particularly local breeders and seed distributors
- The breeders' exemption provides a mechanism to facilitate access to germplasm
- The use of PVP is consistent with the ITPGRFA and SMTA

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3. Ian Barker, Syngenta

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