

**Der Rat**

Vierundfünfzigste ordentliche Tagung  
Genf, 30. Oktober 2020

**C/54/INF/2****Verwaltungs- und Rechtsausschuss**

Siebenundsiebzigste Tagung  
Genf, 28. Oktober 2020

**CAJ/77/INF/2****Technischer Ausschuss**

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Genf, 26. und 27. Oktober 2020

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1. Die Anlage dieses Dokuments enthält eine Kopie eines Referats „Bericht über die Entwicklungen bei der UPOV“, das der Stellvertretende Generalsekretär per Video für die vierundfünfzigste ordentliche Tagung des Rates, die siebenundsiebzigste Tagung des Verwaltungs- und Rechtsausschusses (CAJ) und die sechsendfünfzigste Tagung des Technischen Ausschusses gehalten hat.
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# DEVELOPMENTS IN UPOV

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Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

*October 1, 2020*

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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- Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Responding to immediate situation
  - Towards a better, new “normal”

## COVID-19 pandemic measures

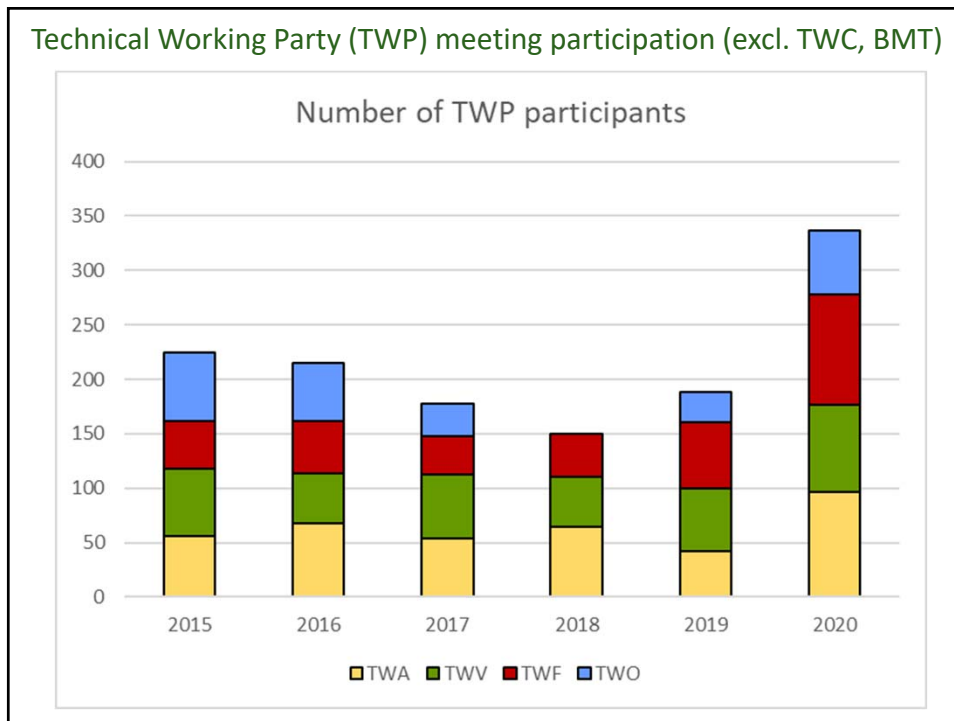
- March 17, 2020
  - UPOV premises closed except for essential personnel
  - Remote working (excellent WIPO IT support)
  - Official travel cancelled
- June 2 – Sep. 30, 2020
  - No official travel outside Switzerland
  - Phased return by all UPOV staff (except vulnerable staff)
  - Social distancing in office
  - Remote working option for up to 3 days/week

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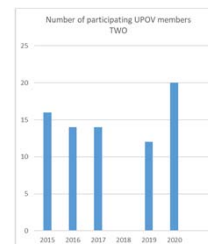
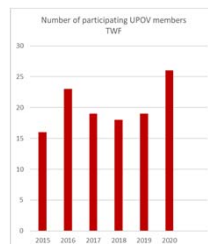
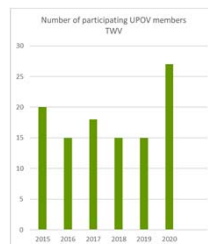
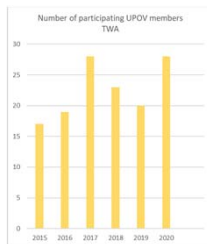
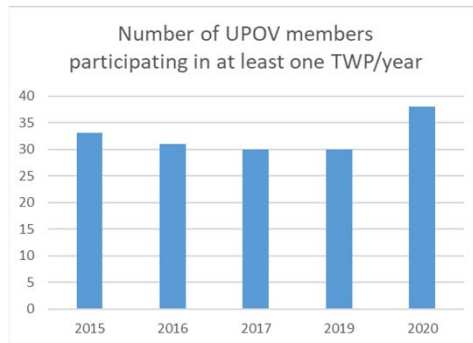
- UPOV meetings since March 17, 2020
- Virtual meetings as planned
  - Enlarged Editorial Committee (March 24)
  - Fifteenth Meeting on the Development of an Electronic Application Form (EAF/15) (March 26)
- Technical Working Parties
  - agreed by TWP Chairpersons, after consultation with the TWP hosts and the TC Chairperson, to hold the TWP sessions by electronic means

### COVID-19 pandemic measures

Date	TWP	Hosted by
<b>May 11 to 15</b>	Fifty-fourth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWW/54)	Brazil
<b>June 8 to 12</b>	Fifty-second session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO/52)	Netherlands
<b>June 22 to 26</b>	Forty-ninth session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA/49)	Canada
<b>July 6 to 10</b>	Fifty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF/51)	France
<b>Sep. 21 to 23</b>	Thirty-eighth session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC/38)	United States of America
<b>Sep. 23 to 25</b>	Nineteenth session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT/19)	United States of America



### Technical Working Party (TWP) meeting participation: Number of members of the Union



### Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings: satisfaction



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UPOV Sessions in October 2020 to be held in the form of **virtual meetings**, in combination with **prior consideration of documents by correspondence**:

- **Technical Committee:** Fifty-Sixth Session (TC/56), to be held on October 26 and 27
- **Administrative and Legal Committee:** Seventy-Seventh Session (CAJ/77), to be held on October 28
- **Consultative Committee:** Ninety-Seventh Session (CC/97), to be held on October 29
- **Council:** Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Session (C/54), to be held on October 30

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### COVID-19 measures for breeders

UPOV has created this webpage with links to resources and measures to assist breeders in relation to plant variety protection matters in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disclaimer: This webpage does not constitute the official source of information for COVID-19 pandemic matters for members of the Union. To obtain further information on any specific measure or details on the status of plant variety protection matters, please contact the relevant authority of the member of the Union concerned at [info@uipo.int](mailto:info@uipo.int)

#### INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Links to webpages provided to UPOV by international breeders' organizations in relation to resources available for breeders in the context COVID-19 pandemic are provided below:

- [International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Tree Varieties \(IOOPORA\)](#)

#### UPOV MEMBERS

Links provided by members of the Union to their webpages with measures on plant variety protection matters, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are provided below:

- Australia
  - [IP Rights](#)
  - [PVP FAQs](#)
- Canada
  - [PVP Office MARRA \(Chinese\)](#)
  - [PVP Office NF-GA \(Chinese\)](#)
- Ecuador

#### UPOV PRISMA

In the COVID-19 situation, an option for making online applications for plant variety protection may be even more relevant.

UPOV PRISMA is an online service to make Plant Variety Protection applications to participating UPOV members.

You can find out more [here](#) or send us message: [prisma@uipo.int](mailto:prisma@uipo.int)

Special Session of UPOV DL-205 course during COVID-19 situation  
(May 4 to June 7, 2020)  
at a discounted rate for students under the Category 3  
(breeders, IP managers, IP agents, lawyers, academics)

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## Responding now

...and moving towards a new and better normal?

- UPOV virtual activities (meetings, webinars)
- Support virtual activities by partners
- Materials to support virtual activities (e.g. training videos)
- IT tools (online services, virtual communication tools)
- Redesigning meetings to make the most of virtual and physical participation (e.g. TWPs)
- Paperless/lesspaper office



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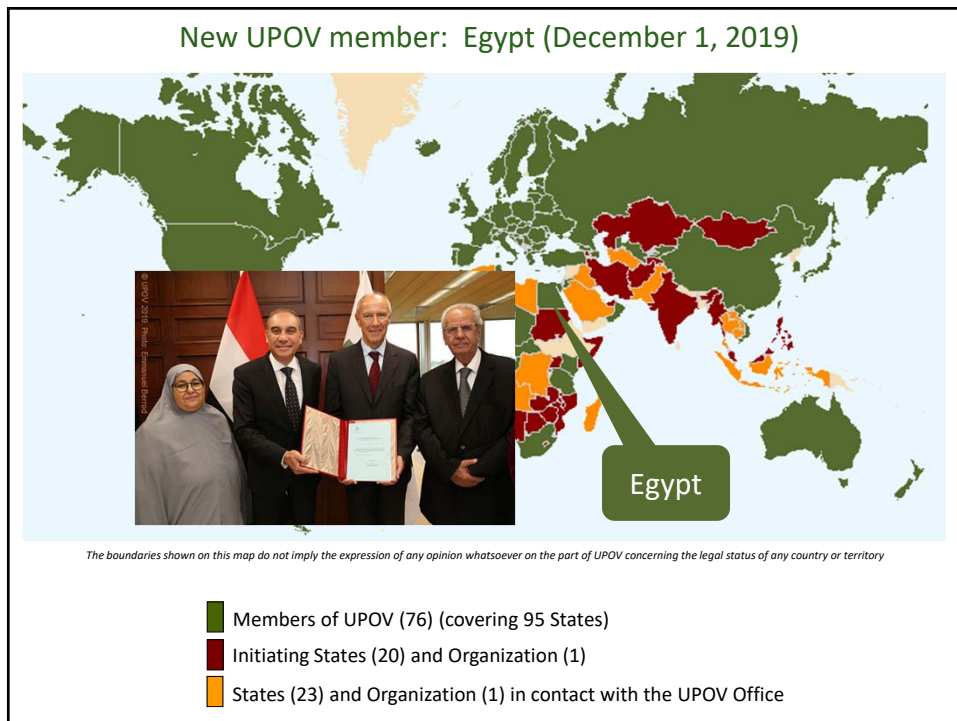
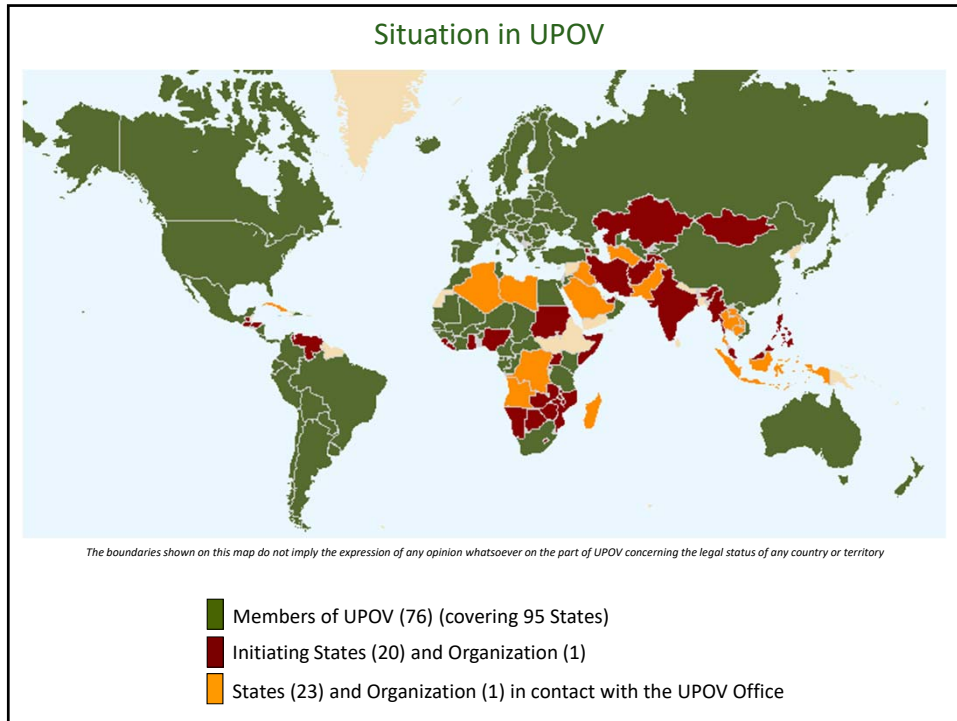
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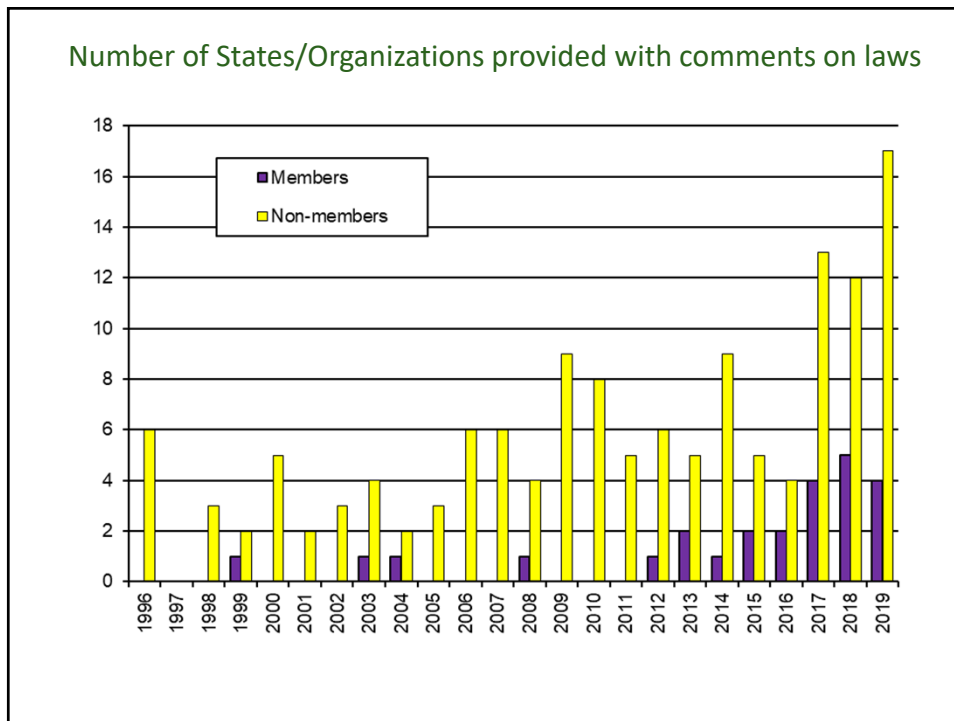
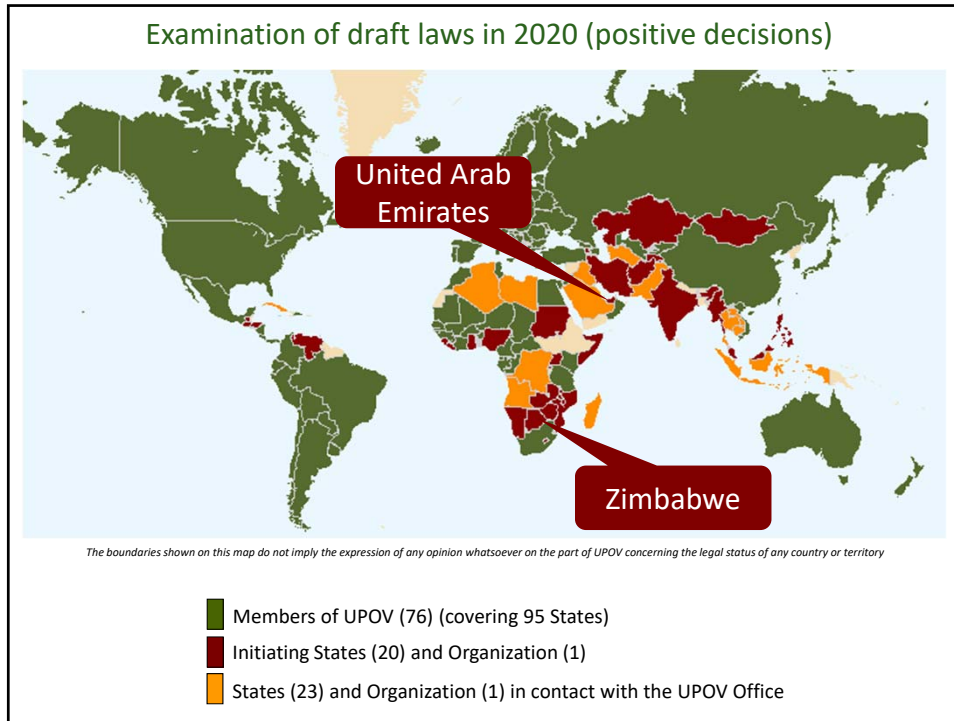
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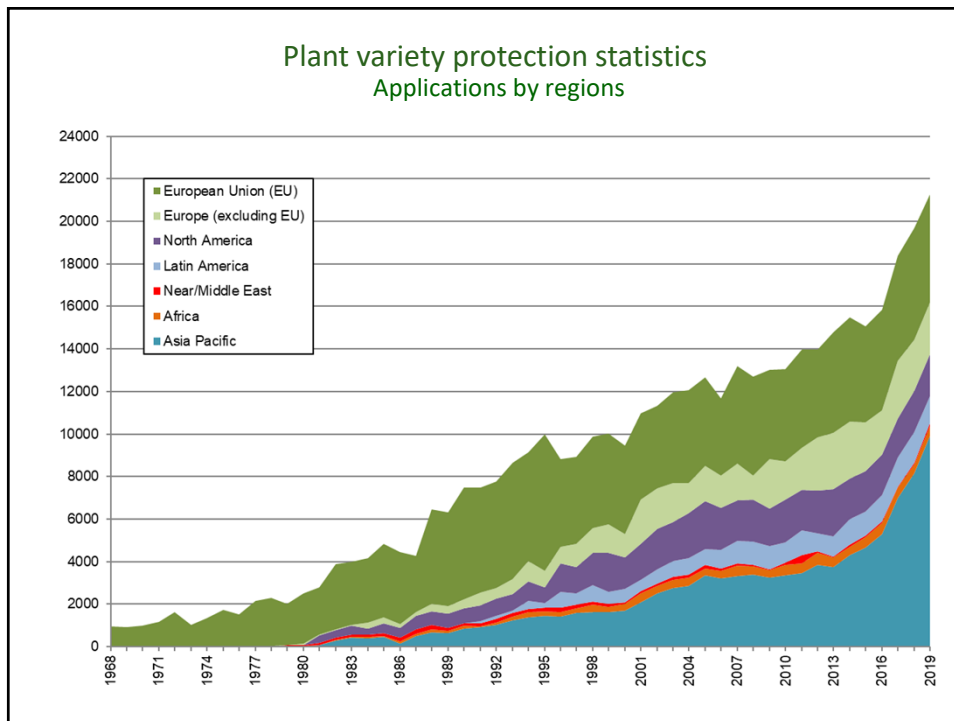
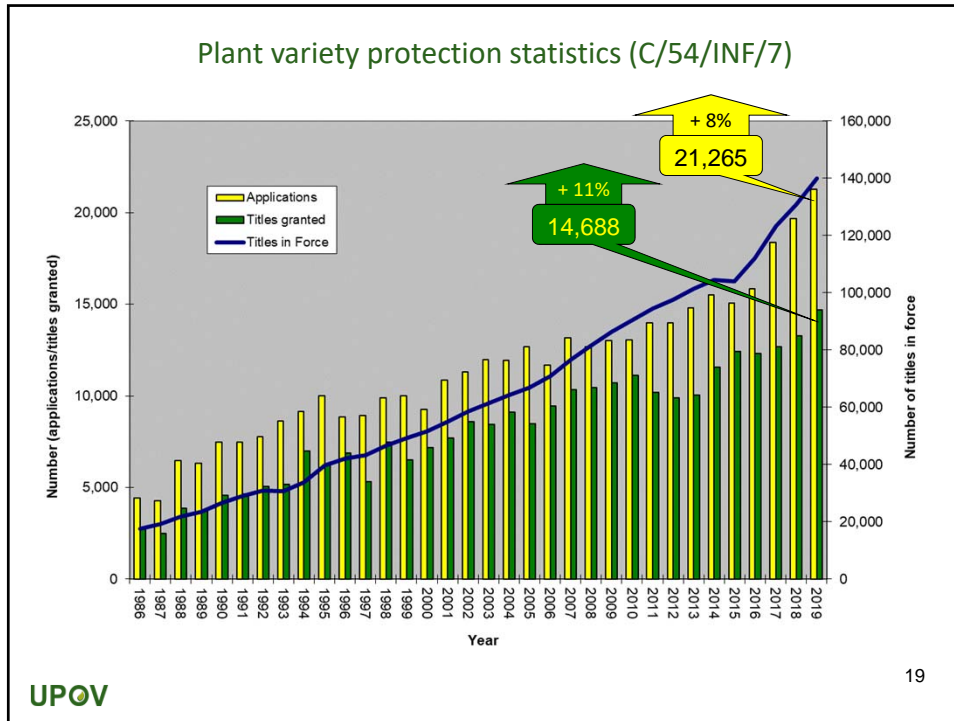
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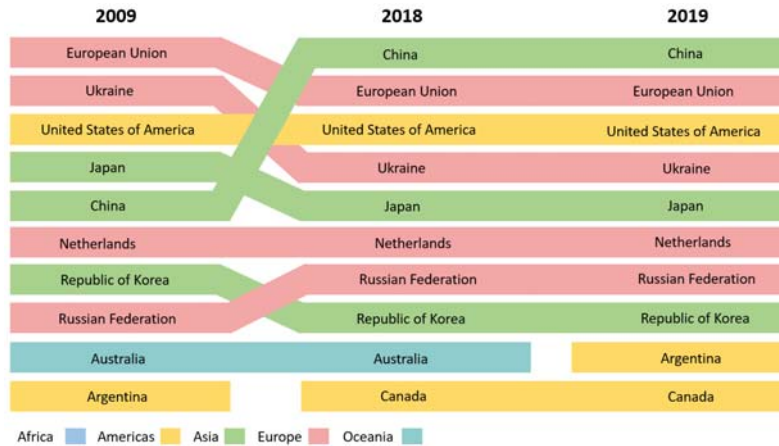






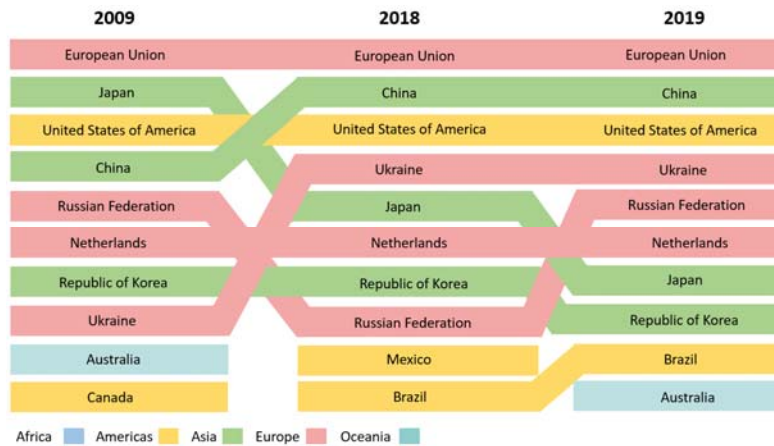
### Plant variety protection statistics

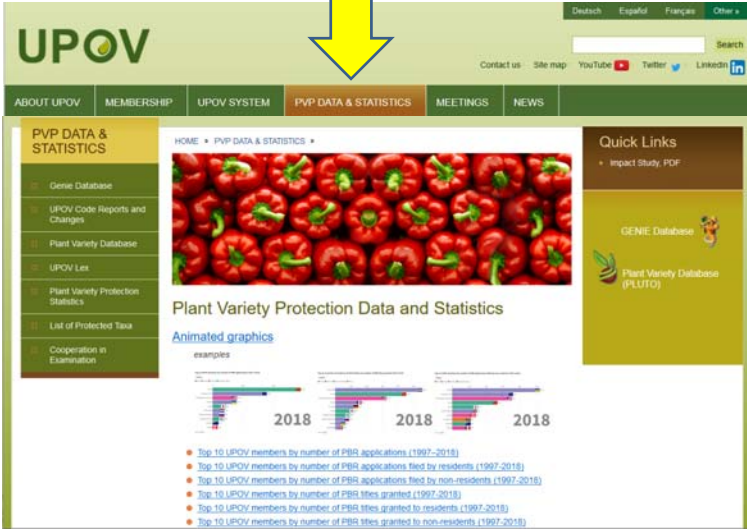
Top 10: UPOV Members by number of Plant Variety Protection applications



### Plant variety protection statistics

Top 10: UPOV Members by number of Plant Variety Protection titles





The screenshot shows the UPOV website's 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS' page. A yellow arrow points to the 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS' menu item in the top navigation bar. The page features a header with the UPOV logo, navigation tabs, and a main content area with a red pepper image and a bar chart titled 'Plant Variety Protection Data and Statistics'. The chart shows data for 2018, with a legend indicating 'Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR applications filed by residents (1997-2018)', 'Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR applications filed by non-residents (1997-2018)', 'Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR titles granted to residents (1997-2018)', and 'Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR titles granted to non-residents (1997-2018)'.

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Mr. Francis Gurry  
UPOV Secretary-General  
*October 30, 2008, to  
September 30, 2020*



Mr. Daren Tang  
Acting UPOV Secretary-General  
*from October 1, 2020*



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Technical/Regional Officer (Asia)

*Thanks and farewell  
to*  
Tomochika Motomura



*Welcome  
to*  
Manabu Suzuki



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Fellow

*Thanks and farewell to  
Wen Wen*



IT Support Officer  
(temporary appointment)

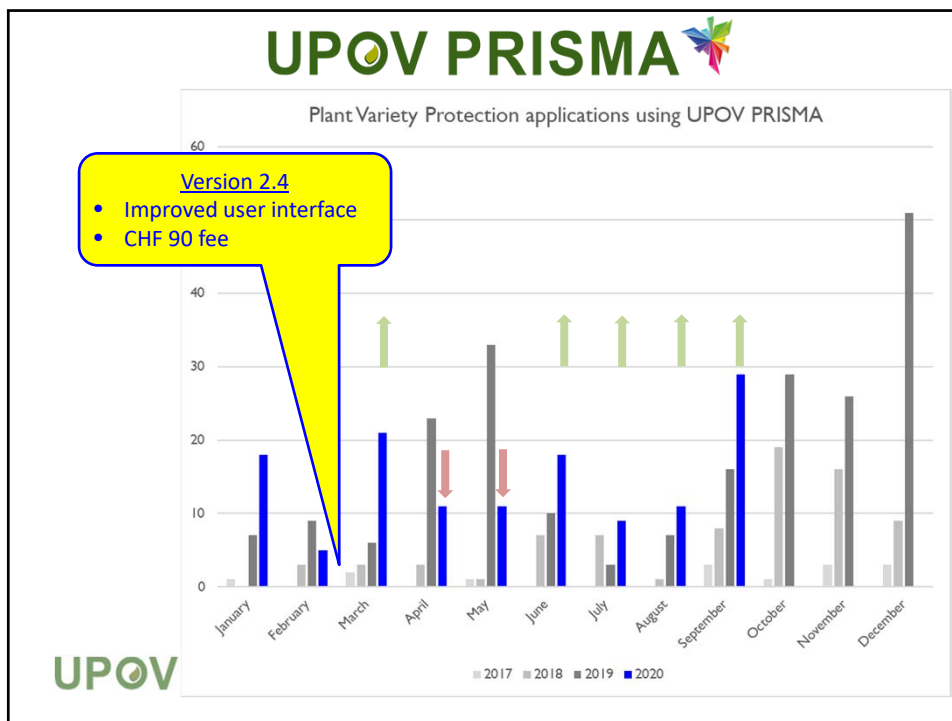
New colleague  
to start  
November 1, 2020

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The screenshot displays the UPOV PLUTO website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT UPOV, MEMBERSHIP, UPOV SYSTEM, PVP DATA & STATISTICS, MEETINGS, and NEWS. Below the menu, the main heading reads "UPOV PLUTO". The page is divided into two columns of service options:

- PLUTO Free service:**
  - ✓ Search and display results
  - ✓ Save and Upload Search criteria
  - ✓ Print results
- PLUTO Premium service CHF 750 /year:**
  - ✓ Search and display results
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  - ✓ Print results
  - ✓ Unlimited data download
  - ✓ Alerts

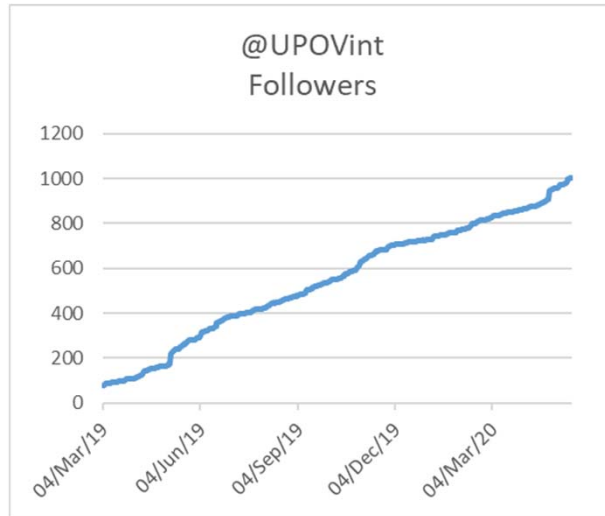
Free for UPOV members, data contributors and cases approved by UPOV members

At the bottom of the page, there is a link: "Click here to view an extract from the June 30 Webinar (recording/video)". A red arrow points to this link from the right side of the page.

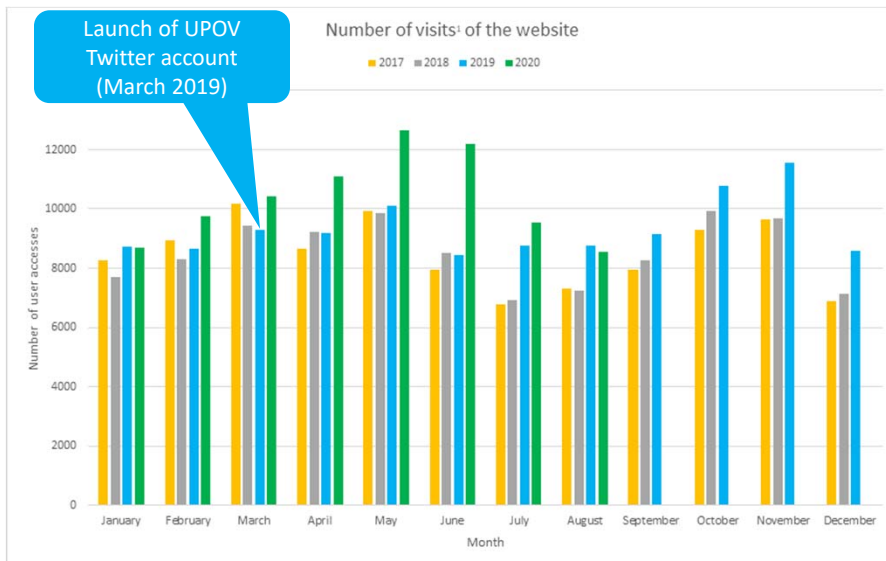
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### Twitter (@UPOVint)



### UPOV website (www.upov.int)





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