

**Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques
and DNA-Profiling in Particular****BMT/18/1****Eighteenth Session
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DRAFT AGENDA*prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Reports on developments in UPOV concerning biochemical and molecular techniques¹ (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
4. Short presentations on new developments in biochemical and molecular techniques by DUS experts, biochemical and molecular specialists, plant breeders and relevant international organizations (oral reports by participants)
5. Report of work on molecular techniques in relation to DUS examination (papers invited)
6. Cooperation between international organizations (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
7. Variety description databases including databases containing molecular data¹ (papers invited)
8. Management of databases and exchange of data and material¹ (papers invited)
9. Methods for analysis of molecular data¹ (papers invited)
10. Report on developments of a software tool for marker selection using the traveling salesman algorithm¹
11. The use of molecular techniques in examining essential derivation² (papers invited)
12. The use of molecular techniques in variety identification² (papers invited)
13. Review of document UPOV/INF/17 "Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction"¹ (documents to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
14. Revision of document TGP/15 "Guidance on the Use of Biochemical and Molecular Markers in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS)" (documents to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
15. Session to facilitate cooperation (documents to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
16. Date and place of next session
17. Future program

¹ The Technical Committee, at its fifty-fourth session, agreed that these agenda items should be considered on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

² Breeder's Day: October 17, 2019.

18. Report of the session (if time permits)
19. Closing of the session

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