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REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

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1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda (this document)
3. Short presentation of research results on different species:
 - (a) Azalea (BMT/4/5)
 - (b) Carnation (BMT/4/15)
 - (c) Maize (BMT/4/2)
 - (d) Oilseed Rape (BMT/4/11)
 - (e) Peach (BMT/4/16)
 - (f) Potato (BMT/4/12)
 - (g) Rice (BMT/4/10)
 - (h) Ryegrass (BMT/4/3 + 4 + 18)
 - (i) Tomato (BMT/4/17)

4. Statistical methods (BMT/4/19)
 - (b) Similarity, clustering and dendrograms (BMT/4/8)
 - (c) A review of methods for cluster analysis of marker data (BMT/4/7 Rev.)
 - (d) The use of the analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) for distinction studies (BMT/4/9)
5. Correlation and causal linkage between DNA markers and morphological traits
6. Relationship between genetic distance and morphological distance between varieties (BMT/4/19)
7. Position of the breeders vis-à-vis DNA profiling (BMT/4/6)
8. The use of DNA profiling methods by expert witnesses in disputes on essential derivation (BMT/4/17)
9. Effect of different plant breeding schemes in the evaluation of parentage between them
10. The use of DNA-profiling for prescreening as a possible tool in DUS testing
11. Possibilities and consequences of the introduction of DNA profiling methods for DUS testing (BMT/4/13)
12. Control of uniformity in characteristics obtained with biochemical or molecular markers (BMT/4/14)
13. Future program, date and place of the next session
14. Closing of the session

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