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DRAFT AGENDA

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1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda (this document)
3. Short presentation of biochemical and molecular techniques: new techniques, advantages and limits of different techniques (this item could be illustrated with experimental data obtained in different species)
4. Assessment of variability within varieties (this item could be illustrated with experimental data obtained in different species)
5. Assessment of variability between varieties (this item could be illustrated with experimental data obtained in different species)
6. Statistical methods (this item could be illustrated with experimental data obtained in different species)
 - (a) Confidence intervals and accuracy of distance estimates
 - (b) Graphic representation of genetic distances

- (c) Refinement of the analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) for distinction studies and tools to assess uniformity
 - (d) Combination of information from diverse data types (AFLP, SSR, morphological data, etc.)
7. Definition of variety (reports from the Technical Committee)
 8. Position of the breeders vis-à-vis DNA profiling
 9. The use of DNA profiling methods by expert witnesses in disputes on essential derivation
 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
 12. Future program, date and place of the next session
 13. Closing of the session

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