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*(thirty-seventh year)*

I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION

Members

1. On December 31, 2005, the Union had 60 members. The following intergovernmental organization and State became members of the Union in 2005:
2. On June 29, 2005, the European Community (EC) deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The Convention (1991 Act) entered into force in respect of the European Community on July 29, 2005. Thus, the EC was the first intergovernmental organization to become a member of the Union.
3. On September 15, 2005, Albania deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The Convention (1991 Act) entered into force in respect of Albania on October 15, 2005.
4. The 60 members of the Union, on December 31, 2005, were the following: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea,

Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Uzbekistan. Annex I details the membership status of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts as of December 31, 2005.

#### Situation in Relation to the Convention and its various Acts

5. On December 31, 2005, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

(a) two States were bound by the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Act, namely Belgium and Spain;

(b) the 1978 Act was the Act binding 25 States, namely: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine and Uruguay;

(c) the 1991 Act was the most recent, Act binding 32 States and one organization, namely: Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uzbekistan.

#### Future Members

6. Under Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act, “any State which is not a member of the Union and any intergovernmental organization shall, before depositing its instrument of accession, ask the Council to advise it in respect of the conformity of its laws with the provisions of this Convention.”

7. One request by Malaysia, by letter of November 10, 2004, was considered in the period under review.

8. At its twenty-second extraordinary session, held in Geneva on April 8, 2005, the Council examined the conformity of the Act of Malaysia with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

9. In respect of Malaysia, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C(Extr.)/22/2;

“(b) take note of the preliminary examination of the Consultative Committee on the conformity of the Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004 of Malaysia with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. It noted that the Act still required some additional provisions and amendments, as provided in document C(Extr.)/22/2, in order to fully conform with the

1991 Act; the Act would be re-submitted to the Consultative Committee once the additional provisions and amendments had been incorporated;

“(c) request the Office of the Union to offer its assistance to the Government of Malaysia in drafting the necessary additional provisions and amendments to the Act; and

“(d) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Malaysia accordingly.”

## II. SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

### Council

10. The Council held its twenty-second extraordinary session on April 8, 2005, under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías (Mexico), President of the Council.

11. It examined the Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004 of Malaysia for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and took note of decisions taken by the Consultative Committee at its sixty-ninth session.

12. The Council held its thirty-ninth ordinary session on October 27, 2005, also under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías. The session was attended by 48 members of the Union, seven observer States<sup>1</sup> and seven observer organizations<sup>2</sup>.

13. At that session, the Council dealt with the following main issues:

(a) It approved the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Union in 2004 and noted the report on the activities in the first nine months of 2005.

(b) It adopted the “Rules governing the granting of observer status to States, intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations in UPOV bodies and access to UPOV documents”, as contained in document C/39/13, and decided to post them on the freely accessible area of the UPOV website.

(c) It noted the work of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) at its fifty-first session, held on April 7, 2005, as described in document C/39/9, and at its fifty-second session on October 24 and 25, 2005, as orally reported by the Chairman of the CAJ.

(d) It noted the work of the Technical Committee (TC), the Technical Working Parties and the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular, as provided in document C/39/10, and approved the programs of work set out in that document.

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<sup>1</sup> Egypt, Greece, Malaysia, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Turkey.

<sup>2</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Trade Organization (WTO), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), European Seed Association (ESA), Association of European Horticultural Breeders (AOHE), International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOFORA) and the International Seed Federation (ISF).

(e) The Council noted document C/39/11, Interim Financial statement for 2004; Arrears in contributions as of October 21, 2005.

(f) It approved the Program and Budget for the 2006-2007 Biennium, as proposed in document C/39/4, including the amount of contributions from members, the maximum ceiling of expenditure in the regular budget and the total number of posts for the Office of the Union (the "Office").

(g) It took note of a recommendation of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), addressed to WIPO and related to the fact that the present Director General of WIPO and Secretary-General of UPOV had, on a voluntary basis, declined any salary or allowance for his functions as Secretary-General of UPOV.

(h) It elected, in each case for a term of three years ending with the forty-second ordinary session of the Council, in 2008:

(i) Mrs. Beate Rücker (Germany), Chairperson of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops;

(ii) Mrs. Sally Watson (United Kingdom), Chairperson of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs;

(iii) Mr. Alejandro Barrientos Priego (Mexico), Chairman of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops;

(iv) Ms. Sandy Marshall (Canada), Chairperson of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees;

(v) Mr. Niall Green (United Kingdom), Chairman of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables;

(vi) Mr. Henk Bonthuis (Netherlands), Chairman of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular.

(i) It noted documents and oral reports on the situation in the legislative, administrative and technical fields related to plant variety protection, as presented by members and observers. It agreed to proposals concerning possible improvements of future versions of document C/39/5 "Cooperation in examination".

(j) It approved the calendar of meetings in 2006 and noted the provisional dates for the sessions of the UPOV bodies in 2007.

#### Consultative Committee

14. The Consultative Committee held its sixty-ninth session on April 8, 2005, under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías (Mexico). It made a preliminary examination for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention of the Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004 of Malaysia. It considered elements to guide the Office in drafting the Program and Budget of the Union for the 2006-2007 Biennium. It agreed that a special

meeting would be convened on the afternoon of October 25, 2005, in order to invite international breeders' organizations to express their views on issues concerning the enforcement of plant breeders' rights. It took note of the Medium-term Work Program 2008-2011 of the Office. It decided to add the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) to the list of non-governmental organizations invited to sessions of the CAJ. It endorsed principles concerning the granting of observer status in UPOV bodies and requested that the rules governing observer status and access to UPOV documents be consolidated in a single document and be placed on the unrestricted area of the UPOV website. It took note of recent developments in the policy area of biodiversity and plant genetic resources and in the Council for TRIPS concerning the review of Article 27.3(b) of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement). It took note of a progress report by the chairman of the Working Group to Study the Impact of Plant Breeders' Rights.

15. The Consultative Committee held its seventieth session on October 26, 2005, also under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías (Mexico).

16. The Consultative Committee received information on the status of the examination of those States and organizations that had initiated the procedure for acceding to the UPOV Convention. It endorsed the recommendations of the Consultative Group on Long-term Financial Issues of UPOV. It agreed to a proposal for the establishment of a UPOV database for facilitating assistance in the development of plant variety protection. It took note that UPOV had successfully launched an on-line distance learning course "Introduction to the UPOV system of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention" in September 2005 and endorsed the proposed plans for distance learning courses in 2006. It took note of information provided concerning biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection and the developments in the Council for TRIPS concerning the review of Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement; and decided to include an item in the draft agenda of its seventy-first session, to be held on April 7, 2006, in order to consider the issues raised by the breeders' organizations at the Meeting on Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights, which was held on the afternoon of October 25, 2005.

Administrative and Legal Committee, Technical Committee, Technical Working Parties and Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular

17. The CAJ held its fifty-first session on April 7, 2005, and its fifty-second session on October 25, 2005, respectively. The Technical Committee (TC) held its forty-first session from April 4 to 6, 2005. Further information on the work of the CAJ and the TC is contained in documents C/39/9, C/40/9 and C/39/10. The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) held its thirty-ninth session in Nitra (Slovakia) from June 6 to 10, 2005. The twenty-third session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) was held in Ottawa from June 13 to 16, 2005. The Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) held its ninth session in Washington, D.C., from June 21 to 23, 2005. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) held its thirty-sixth session in Kôfu (Japan) from September 5 to 9, 2005. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) held its thirty-eighth session in Seoul from September 12 to 16, 2005. The Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) held its thirty-fourth session in Christchurch (New Zealand) from October 31 to November 4, 2005. All of those Technical Working Party sessions were preceded by preparatory workshops.

### III. COURSES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, MISSIONS, IMPORTANT CONTACTS

18. On February 1, a meeting was held at the UPOV Headquarters with Mr. Evans O. Sikinyi, Chairman of the *Ad hoc* Working Group to Study the Impact of Plant Breeders' Rights, and Mr. Arnold van Wijk, Advisor to the *Ad hoc* Working Group, to develop guidance for the final draft of the Report on the Impact of Plant Breeders' Rights.

19. From February 9 to 11, the Office attended the GAIA Workshop in La Minière (France). The activity was organized by the *Groupe d'étude et de contrôle des variétés et des semences* (GEVES) of France.

20. From February 14 to 16, in Bangkok, the Office participated in the third meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Some 500 participants represented governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, indigenous and local community groups, academia and industry. The Office delivered a statement, based on UPOV's reply to the CBD notification of June 26, 2003, on access and benefit-sharing, as adopted by the Council in October 2003.

21. On February 16, in Bangkok, the Office consulted with officials of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the application of the Plant Variety Protection Act of Thailand.

22. On February 17, in Phnom Penh, the Office was received by Mr. Suy Sem, Minister for Industry, Mines and Energy of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Mr. Suy Sem reiterated the intention of his Government to enact a law on the protection of new varieties of plants in 2007 and requested the assistance of UPOV in the preparation. The meeting with the Minister was followed by consultations with officials from the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy and from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

23. On February 18, in Phnom Penh, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy of Cambodia and with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, a National Seminar on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention. The Seminar was opened by Mr. Klaut Randy, Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy. Some 40 Government officials and scientists from the Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia participated. The objective was to provide advice on how to implement plant variety protection effectively in Cambodia.

24. On February 21, in Hanoi, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam and with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, a National Seminar on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention. The Seminar was held at the National Centre for Variety Evaluation and Seed Certification. Some 20 officials participated.

25. On February 22, in Hanoi, the Office consulted with Government officials on the draft Intellectual Property Rights Law of Viet Nam which, in its Chapter 7, contained provisions on plant variety protection.

26. On February 23 and 24, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Central-American Secretariat for Economic Integration (SIECA), the Project for Intellectual Property

SIECA-USAID, the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade from Nicaragua (MIFIC) and the Project for the Strengthening of International Trade Management (BID), a regional seminar on the UPOV system for the protection of new varieties of plants (emphasis on the 1991 Act). The meeting was attended by 33 participants from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

27. On February 26, the Office received Mr. Kingsley Ofei-Neansah, Deputy General Secretary, General Agricultural Worker's Union, Ghana, who was briefed on plant variety protection.

28. From March 7 to 11, in Limbé (Cameroon), the Office participated in a Workshop on the Implementation of Plant Variety Protection, based on Annex X of the Revised Bangui Agreement, which entered into force on January 1, 2006. The meeting was opened by Mr. Anthioumane N'Diaye, Director General of the African Organization for Intellectual Property (OAPI). Together with the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) and the *Groupe d'étude et de contrôle des variétés et des semences* (GEVES) of France, UPOV was invited to assist the Secretariat of OAPI and the previously identified examination offices, ISRA of Senegal and IRAD of Cameroon, in the selection of those genera and species with which the OAPI system of plant variety protection should start, and in the drafting of internal documents and forms. Nineteen species were identified for the first phase of OAPI's operation of plant variety protection.

29. On March 8 and 9, the Office attended a meeting of the Council for TRIPS held at the WTO headquarters.

30. On March 10, in Hobaho, Lisse (Netherlands), the Office made a presentation on the UPOV system of plant variety protection to the Dutch flower bulb breeders at a meeting organized by Stiverbol within the Royal General Bulb Growers' Association.

31. On March 15, in Yaoundé, the Office organized, in cooperation with the African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA) and OAPI, a Workshop on the Protection of Plant Varieties. The Workshop, which was linked to the Annual Congress of AFSTA, was chaired by Mr. Raouf Ghariani, President of AFSTA. It was attended by more than 120 participants. UPOV was requested to organize a similar event back-to-back with AFSTA's Annual Congress 2006, which will be held in Entebbe (Uganda).

32. On March 16 and 17, in Yaoundé, the Office attended the Annual Congress of AFSTA. One of the plenary sessions was dedicated to intellectual property rights in plant breeding. A former staff member of the Office made a presentation.

33. On March 17, at the Headquarters of OAPI in Yaoundé, the Office was received by Mr. Anthioumane N'Diaye, Director General of OAPI. Recent progress with a view to operating plant variety protection by OAPI from January 1, 2006, and measures to support the initial phase of operation were considered. A project proposal for cooperation with the European Community was discussed.

34. On March 23 and 24, in Geneva, the Office made a presentation and participated in the Fleuroselect Business Unit Breeder Conference.

35. On March 30 and 31, in Rome, the Office attended, as an observer, part of the session of the Administrative Council of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO).

36. On April 1, in Rome, at the *Ministero delle Attività Produttive*, the Office made a presentation at a Seminar on the Community Plant Variety Rights system. Some 70 representatives of Italian Ministries, law firms, breeding companies and research institutes participated.
37. At the fringes of the sessions of UPOV bodies from April 4 to 8, the Office received Delegations of Azerbaijan, Egypt and Malaysia in order to consider matters related to the accession of those States to the UPOV Convention.
38. On April 15, the Office received Mr. Phil Thorpe, Deputy Director, Patents Directorate, Patent Office, United Kingdom, and Mrs. Pamela Tarif, Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva, to consider matters related to plant variety protection in developing countries.
39. On April 19, the Office spoke with Mr. Michael J.R. Blackman, Editor-in-Chief, World Patent Information, on his intention to publish articles related to plant variety protection. An article on "Progress of plant variety protection based on the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention)" appeared in *World Patent Information* 27(2005).
40. On April 22, the Office received Mrs. Biljana Lekik, Deputy Head of Department, State Office of Industrial Property. Mrs. Lekik informed the Office that the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is drafting legislation on plant breeders' rights.
41. On April 25, the Office received Mr. Jean Louis Duval, Consultant, who provided information about seed projects in Armenia, Kirgistan and Tadjikistan in which he was involved.
42. On April 29, in Nice (France), the Office made a presentation at the Annual Conference of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA). The Conference was preceded by a farewell dinner for Mr. René Royon, Secretary General of CIOPORA, on the evening before.
43. On May 2, the Office received Mr. Moe Moe Thwe, Deputy Director, Ministry of Science and Technology, and Mr. Daw Khin San Thi, Deputy Director, Office of the Attorney General of Myanmar, and briefed them on the requirements for accession to the UPOV Convention.
44. On May 4, the Office received Mrs. Tene Reece, Deputy Registrar, Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago. Measures to encourage the use of the plant variety protection system in Trinidad and Tobago were discussed.
45. From May 8 to 10, in Karaj (Islamic Republic of Iran), the Office organized, in cooperation with the Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and with financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, a Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention and its relationship with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Some 60 participants were present. The participants expressed a strong interest to continue this kind of activity in the region. Tajikistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran



expressed their willingness to host future workshops. The workshop provided opportunities to consider a regional approach to the establishment of plant variety protection.

46. On May 12, in Aleppo (Syrian Arab Republic), the Office visited the Headquarters of ICARDA. Under the chairmanship of Mr. William Erskine, Assistant Director General (Research), a briefing session on plant variety protection was held for ICARDA scientists.

47. On May 12, also in Aleppo, the Office visited the Headquarters of the General Organization for Seed Multiplication of Syria (GOSM). An exchange of views was held with Mr. Abdul Mohsen Assayed Omar, General Director of GOSM, and Mr. Majid Jamal, Director General, General Council for Scientific Agricultural Research (GCSAR), Damascus, and their leading staff members. The discussion included also consideration of a first set of plant genera and species eligible for protection, which might include vegetables and ornamentals.

48. On May 16 and 17, in Ankara, at the premises of the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the Office organized a National Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention. The Seminar was opened by Mr. Meting Şehitoğlu, Director General, General Directorate of Protection and Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Some 60 officials and representatives of the Turkish seed sector participated.

49. On May 18, the Office visited the Headquarters of the Seed Registration and Certification Centre of Turkey in Yenimahalle near Ankara. Practical questions of DUS examination of plant varieties were discussed.

50. From May 29 to June 1, in Santiago de Chile, the Office attended the World Seed Congress 2005 of the International Seed Federation (ISF). During a session of the ISF Breeders' Committee, the Office provided an update on recent developments in UPOV.

51. On May 30, the Office received Mr. David Dzamukashvili, Deputy Director General, National Intellectual Property Center. Mr. Dzamukashvili informed the Office that the Government of Georgia is drafting legislation on plant breeders' rights.

52. On May 31, in Santiago de Chile, the Office visited the *Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero* (SAG) of Chile and was received by Mr. Dionisio Faulbaum Mayorga, National Director of SAG.

53. On June 2 and 3, in Buenos Aires, the Office attended the *Primer Foro sobre la Propiedad Intelectual para la Protección de la Biotecnología Agropecuaria*, which was organized by the *Instituto Nacional de Semillas* (INASE) in cooperation with the *Instituto Nacional de la Propiedad Industrial* of Argentina. The Office made a presentation on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. Some 200 people participated in the Forum.

54. On June 7, Mr. Denis Low, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, visited the Office. Matters related to the Sixth Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection, to be held in September 2005 in Singapore, were discussed.

55. On June 8, at the UPOV headquarters, the Office gave a presentation on plant variety protection in the frame of a Training Program on Negotiation in Agriculture at the World Trade Organization (WTO) for officials from Pakistan. The Delegation was led by

Mrs. Shah Zada Taimur Khusrow, Deputy Secretary (WTO), Ministry of Agriculture of Pakistan.

56. On June 9, the Office received Mr. Gilles Barrier, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of France in Geneva. Matters related to plant variety protection and genetic resources were discussed.

57. On June 13, in Angers (France), the Office attended the celebrations of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CPVO and expressed UPOV's congratulations in an address.

58. On June 14, also in Angers, the Office participated, as an observer, in part of a session of the Administrative Council of the CPVO.

59. On June 14 and 15, the Office attended a meeting of the Council for TRIPS at the WTO headquarters.

60. On June 15, the Office received a visit by Mr. Bernard Le Buanec, Secretary General of ISF, to discuss, *inter alia*, ISF's contribution to a special UPOV Meeting on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights, which was scheduled by the Council of UPOV for October 25, 2005.

61. On June 17, the Office contacted the German *Bundessortenamt*, the Swiss *Büro für Sortenschutz*, the CPVO, ISF and CIOPORA in order to prepare a study program for a delegation of experts from the Intellectual Property Office and the Plant Variety Protection Office of the Republic of Korea.

62. On June 21, in Wageningen (Netherlands), the Office lectured at a Training Course on Plant Variety Protection, organized by the Centre for Genetic Resources, Wageningen.

63. On June 23, the Office received Mr. Guus Houttuin, Deputy Head, Geneva Liaison Office, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, concerning the accession of the European Community to the UPOV Convention.

64. On June 28, the Office considered with Mr. Edgar Krieger, Executive Secretary of CIOPORA, *inter alia*, CIOPORA's contribution to a special UPOV Meeting on Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights, which was scheduled by the Council of UPOV for October 25, 2005.

65. From June 28 to 30, the Senior Legal Officer of the Office attended a professional training program on administrative and technical examination of applications for the grant of plant breeders' rights, in Madrid, Sevilla and Valencia, established in cooperation with the Spanish Plant Variety Office.

66. On June 29, Mr. Alphonse Berns, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Luxembourg (Presidency of the European Union), Mr. Carlo Trojan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the European Commission, and Mr. Jacques Brodin, Ambassador, Head of the Liaison Office, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, deposited the instrument of accession of the European Community to the UPOV Convention.

67. On July 4, the Office received two experts from the Intellectual Property Office and the Plant Variety Office of the Republic of Korea, for whom a study program of six weeks' duration had been organized by the Office. They were briefed on the program and received two weeks of intensive training at the Office.
68. Also on July 4, at the WTO Headquarters in Geneva, the Office lectured at a WTO/WIPO Course on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights for some 25 Professors from developing countries.
69. On July 14, the Office received Mrs. Maria Julia Oliva, Director, Project on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Geneva. UPOV rules for granting observer status to international non-governmental organizations were explained.
70. From July 15 to 21, in Hammamet (Tunisia), the Office attended a session of the Contact Group for the Drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
71. On July 18, at the UPOV Headquarters, the Office discussed with Mr. Anthioumane N'Diaye, Director General of OAPI, recent developments with respect to the operation of plant variety protection by OAPI from January 1, 2006.
72. On July 19, at the UPOV/WIPO Headquarters, the Office made a presentation to the Summer School on Intellectual Property Protection, which was organized by the Worldwide Academy of WIPO. Some 30 students attended.
73. On August 3, the Office received the visit of Mr. John Wright, farmer and a Nuffield Scholar from New Zealand, who was briefed on particular aspects of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.
74. From August 8 to 12, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia), the Office organized, in cooperation with the Government of Spain, WIPO and FAO, the Fourth Training Course for Ibero-American Countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants and Access to Plant Genetic Resources under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Forty-nine experts from 18 Ibero-American countries participated.
75. On August 22 and 23, in Tokyo, the Office lectured at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Group Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights. Seven experts from Argentina, China, Kenya, the Philippines, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe and three officials from the National Center for Seed and Seedlings (NCSS) of Japan participated in the course, which lasted for almost three months.
76. On August 25 and 26, in Jakarta, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia and with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, a National Seminar on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention. The Seminar was opened by Mr. ir. Hasanuddin Ibrahim, Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture of Indonesia. Some 70 representatives of Government institutions, universities and seed companies participated. The Office and experts from Japan and the Netherlands gave lectures.

77. From August 29 to September 2, in Singapore, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA), with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, the Sixth Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection. The Meeting was opened by Mrs. Chiam Lu Lin, Assistant Director General of IPOS. Some 65 experts representing 18 Asian countries participated. The Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA), CIOPORA, ISF, the International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) were also represented. The Chairpersons of the Technical Working Parties for Fruit Crops (TWF) and for Vegetables (TWV) also participated. During the Meeting, recent developments in plant variety protection in the region and a number of Test Guidelines were discussed.

78. On September 4, in Kôfu (Japan), the Office organized a Technical Workshop on the Examination of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention, which preceded the thirty-sixth session of the TWF. Some 25 participants, including the participants of JICA training courses, were present.

79. On September 11, in Seoul, the Office, in conjunction with the National Seed Management Office, organized a Technical Workshop on the Examination of DUS according to DUS principles. The workshop was held immediately prior to the preparatory workshop for the thirty-eighth session of the TWO and presentations were made by experts from Australia, Canada, the European Community, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, who were participating in the TWO session. The workshop was attended by some 60 local participants.

80. On September 15, the Office received the visit of Mr. Ervin Nina, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania. Mr. Nina deposited the instrument of accession of the Republic of Albania to the UPOV Convention.

81. From September 26 to 28, in Berlin, the Office attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI).

82. From September 26 to October 5, the Office attended parts of the forty-first series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Members States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

83. On September 27 and 28, in Paris, the Office participated in and made a presentation at a Workshop on Modern Biotechnology and Seed Certification, organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

84. On September 29 and 30, also in Paris, the Office attended the Annual Meeting on the OECD Seed Schemes.

85. On October 4 and 5, in Brussels, the Office made a presentation at the Seminar on "Enforcement of Plant Variety Rights", organized by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO).

86. On October 7, the Office received a visit from Ms. Loreen Walker, Executive Director, Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO), Kingston. Further steps to raise awareness on plant variety protection in Jamaica were considered.

87. On October 10, the Office received a visit from Mr. Diego A. Risso, General Manager, *Asociación Uruguaya para la Protección de los Obtentores Vegetales (URUPOV)* and his delegation. The situation of plant variety protection in Latin-America and UPOV's activities in that region were discussed.
88. On October 10, the Office met, at the WIPO premises, Mrs. Amal H. El Tinay, Registrar General of Intellectual Property of Sudan. She was briefed on recent activities of UPOV in Sudan and on key aspects of the UPOV Convention.
89. On October 12, the Office received a visit from Professor Sami A. Khalid, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, College of Technological Sciences (CTS), Khartoum. Prof. Khalid wished to explore to what extent plant variety protection might enhance breeding and production of medicinal plants.
90. On October 14, the Office participated in a session of the Senior Management Team of WIPO during which the Director General of WIPO/Secretary-General of UPOV established an internal task force, the Avian Flu Management Team, in order to prepare for a potential avian flu pandemic.
91. On November 1, the Office attended a session of the Intellectual Property Committee of ISF, which was held in Stockholm.
92. On November 3 and 4, in Hanoi, the Office held consultations with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP). The consultation was opened by Dr. Le Hung Quoc, Director of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Experts of the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) were also present. The purpose was to examine the conformity of the relevant parts of the draft Intellectual Property Law of Viet Nam with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The UPOV team was received by Dr. Bui Ba Bong, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, in the Reception Hall of the Ministry. Dr. Bui Ba Bong reiterated the strong interest of the Government of Viet Nam to become a member of UPOV.
93. On November 6, in Shanghai, China, UPOV, in cooperation with the Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA), organized a Workshop on Plant Variety Protection. Some 100 participants from the seed industry and governmental institutions from the region were present. The Workshop provided an update on the plant variety protection situation in China, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam.
94. On November 7, also in Shanghai, the Office participated in a meeting of APSA's Standing Committee on Intellectual Property Rights and gave a presentation on the implementation of plant variety protection in the Asia and Pacific region. The meeting was attended by some 80 participants, a significant increase compared to the year before.
95. On November 7 and 8, in Shanghai, the Office attended the APSA Congress "Asian Seed 2005" with some 800 participants.
96. On November 9 and 10, in New Delhi, the Office held consultations with government officials and scientists. In a meeting with Mrs. Radha Singh, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, the plant variety protection situation in India and India's accession to the UPOV Convention were considered. Mrs. Singh confirmed

her Government's intention to pursue the accession procedure to the UPOV Convention and welcomed UPOV's offer of assistance. With Dr. S. Nagarajan, the newly appointed Chairperson of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer Rights' Authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, practical steps for assistance in the operation of the authority were discussed. In a meeting with Dr. S.P. Sharma, Division of Seed Science and Technology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), specific questions on the inclusion of electrophoresis in UPOV Test Guidelines were raised.

97. On November 13, in Dubai, at the premises of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the United Arab Emirates, the Office organized a National Seminar on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention. The Seminar was opened by H.E. Dr. Abdalla Ahmed Bin Abdal Aziz, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Some 15 officials of the Ministry attended.

98. On November 14, in Dubai, the Office was received by H.E. Dr. Abdalla Ahmed Bin Abdal Aziz, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, United Arab Emirates. The benefits of plant variety protection and further steps of accession to the UPOV Convention were explained. Dr. Abdel Aziz confirmed an interest for the United Arab Emirates to become a member of UPOV and to play a leading role in implementing plant variety protection in the region.

99. On November 14 and 15, in Lyon, France, the Office attended the Second Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy which was co-organized by Interpol and the World Customs Organization, with the cooperation of WIPO. Around 300 participants were present from government agencies, justice, police, customs, intergovernmental organizations and the private sector. Recent initiatives to fight counterfeiting and piracy in different sectors were presented.

100. On November 29 and 30, in Antalya, Turkey, the Office attended an International Seed Conference, which was organized by the Turkish Seed Industry Association in cooperation with the Seed Unit & WANA Seed Network of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA). The Office made a presentation on the impact of plant variety protection.

101. On December 5, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, during a Colloquium on Intellectual Property for Judges from Sudan, organized by WIPO, the Office gave a lecture on plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention.

#### IV. RELATIONS WITH STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

102. With regard to relations with States and organizations, a major part of the activities of the Office was focussed on advice and assistance on plant variety protection legislation, the procedure for acceding to the Convention by potential members of the Union, or members of the Union that intended to accede to the 1991 Act of the Convention and on questions related to the implementation of plant variety protection. The Office provided written or oral comments, paid visits to authorities or received representatives of the respective States and Organizations in order to provide the requested advice. In this respect, the Office had contacts with Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, European Community, Georgia, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic

Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Serbia and Montenegro, Suriname, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

103. The Office met with representatives of international organizations to coordinate activities or to explain UPOV's position. The Office participated in meetings of and discussions with CBD, the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), OAPI, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of WIPO, the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Council for TRIPS (WTO)), ICARDA and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI). The Office maintained close contacts with OECD. The Office was contacted by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for guidance and assistance for the development of plant breeders' rights legislation.

104. The Office provided guidance on the provisions of the Convention to members of the Union and to other parties.

105. The Office met regularly with professional associations in order to follow developments in the practical application of plant variety protection at a global and regional level. Of particular relevance were meetings with ISF and CIOPORA, and with AFSTA, APSA, European Seed Association (ESA) and Fleuroselect.

## V. SELECTED RESULTS OF UPOV IN 2004 AND 2005

106. Since the present annual report is the last one for the Program and Budget Period 2004-2005, the results achieved by UPOV in 2004 and 2005 on the basis of the work of the Council, its subsidiary bodies and the Office, are summarized in Annex II to this document. Annex III contains an overview of the missions undertaken by the staff of the Office in 2005.

## VI. PUBLICATIONS

107. The Office of the Union published:

- (a) one issue of "Plant Variety Protection", the Gazette and Newsletter of UPOV;
- (b) updated editions, covering every event affecting the composition of the Union, of the information leaflet on UPOV and plant variety protection in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish;
- (c) six updated discs in the series constituting the UPOV central database, "UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database";
- (d) Compilation of the 2002 and 2003 Joint Symposia Documents of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) (UPOV Publication No. 792(E));

(e) UPOV Report on the Impact of Plant Variety Protection (UPOV Publication No. 353(E)).

*108. The Council is invited to note this report.*

[Annexes follow]



## ANNEX I

## MEMBERS OF THE UNION

(December 31, 2005)

Member	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Albania	- - - -	- - - September 15, 2005	- - - October 15, 2005
Argentina	- - - -	- - November 25, 1994 -	- - December 25, 1994 -
Australia	- - - -	- - February 1, 1989 December 20, 1999	- - March 1, 1989 January 20, 2000
Austria	- - - -	- - June 14, 1994 June 1, 2004	- - July 14, 1994 July 1, 2004
Azerbaijan	- - - -	- - - November 9, 2004	- - - December 9, 2004
Belarus	- - - -	- - - December 5, 2002	- - - January 5, 2003
Belgium	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	November 5, 1976 November 5, 1976 - -	December 5, 1976 February 11, 1977 - -
Bolivia	- - - -	- - April 21, 1999 -	- - May 21, 1999 -
Brazil	- - - -	- - April 23, 1999 -	- - May 23, 1999 -

<sup>1</sup> *1st line:* International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961  
*2nd line:* Additional Act of November 10, 1972  
*3rd line:* Act of October 23, 1978  
*4th line:* Act of March 19, 1991

<sup>2</sup> of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

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Member	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Bulgaria	- - -	- - March 24, 1998	- - April 24, 1998
Canada	- - October 31, 1979 March 9, 1992	- - February 4, 1991 -	- - March 4, 1991 -
Chile	- - - -	- - December 5, 1995 -	- - January 5, 1996 -
China	- - - -	- - March 23, 1999 -	- - April 23, 1999 -
Colombia	- - - -	- - August 13, 1996 -	- - September 13, 1996 -
Croatia	- - - -	- - - August 1, 2001	- - - September 1, 2001
Czech Republic <sup>3/</sup>	- - - -	- - - October 24, 2002	- - January 1, 1993 November 24, 2002
Denmark	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 6, 1968 February 8, 1974 October 8, 1981 April 26, 1996	October 6, 1968 February 11, 1977 November 8, 1981 April 24, 1998
Ecuador	- - - -	- - July 8, 1997 -	- - August 8, 1997 -
Estonia	- - - -	- - - August 24, 2000	- - - September 24, 2000
European Community	- - - -	- - - June 29, 2005	- - - July 29, 2005

<sup>3</sup> Continuation of the accession of Czechoslovakia (instrument deposited on November 4, 1991; State bound on December 4, 1991).

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Member	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Finland	- - - -	- - March 16, 1993 June 20, 2001	- - April 16, 1993 July 20, 2001
France	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 3, 1971 January 22, 1975 February 17, 1983 -	October 3, 1971 February 11, 1977 March 17, 1983 -
Germany	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	July 11, 1968 July 23, 1976 March 12, 1986 June 25, 1998	August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 April 12, 1986 July 25, 1998
Hungary	- - - -	- - March 16, 1983 December 1, 2002	- - April 16, 1983 January 1, 2003
Ireland	- - September 27, 1979 February 21, 1992	- - May 19, 1981 -	- - November 8, 1981 -
Israel	- - - October 23, 1991	November 12, 1979 November 12, 1979 April 12, 1984 June 3, 1996	December 12, 1979 December 12, 1979 May 12, 1984 April 24, 1998
Italy	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	June 1, 1977 June 1, 1977 April 28, 1986 -	July 1, 1977 July 1, 1977 May 28, 1986 -
Japan	- - October 17, 1979 -	- - August 3, 1982 November 24, 1998	- - September 3, 1982 December 24, 1998
Jordan	- - - -	- - - September 24, 2004	- - - October 24, 2004
Kenya	- - - -	- - April 13, 1999 -	- - May 13, 1999 -
Kyrgyzstan	- - - -	- - - May 26, 2000	- - - June 26, 2000
Latvia	- - - -	- - - July 30, 2002	- - - August 30, 2002

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Member	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Lithuania	- - - -	- - November 10, 2003	- - - December 10, 2003
Mexico	- - July 25, 1979 -	- - July 9, 1997 -	- - August 9, 1997 -
Netherlands	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	August 8, 1967 January 12, 1977 August 2, 1984 October 14, 1996	August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 September 2, 1984 April 24, 1998
New Zealand	- - July 25, 1979 December 19, 1991	- - November 3, 1980 -	- - November 8, 1981 -
Nicaragua	- - -	- - August 6, 2001 -	- - September 6, 2001 -
Norway	- - - -	- - August 13, 1993 -	- - September 13, 1993 -
Panama	- - - -	- - April 23, 1999 -	- - May 23, 1999 -
Paraguay	- - - -	- - January 8, 1997 -	- - February 8, 1997 -
Poland	- - - -	- - October 11, 1989 July 15, 2003	- - November 11, 1989 August 15, 2003
Portugal	- - - -	- - September 14, 1995 -	- - October 14, 1995 -
Republic of Korea	- - - -	- - - December 7, 2001	- - - January 7, 2002
Republic of Moldova	- - - -	- - - September 28, 1998	- - - October 28, 1998

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Member	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Romania	- - - -	- - - February 16, 2001	- - - March 16, 2001
Russian Federation	- - - -	- - - March 24, 1998	- - - April 24, 1998
Singapore	- - - -	- - - June 30, 2004	- - - July 30, 2004
Slovakia <sup>3</sup>	- - - -	- - - -	- - January 1, 1993 -
Slovenia	- - - -	- - - June 29, 1999	- - - July 29, 1999
South Africa	- - October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	October 7, 1977 October 7, 1977 July 21, 1981 -	November 6, 1977 November 6, 1977 November 8, 1981 -
Spain	- - - March 19, 1991	April 18, 1980 April 18, 1980 - -	May 18, 1980 May 18, 1980 - -
Sweden	- January 11, 1973 December 6, 1978 December 17, 1991	November 17, 1971 January 11, 1973 December 1, 1982 December 18, 1997	December 17, 1971 February 11, 1977 January 1, 1983 April 24, 1998
Switzerland	November 30, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	June 10, 1977 June 10, 1977 June 17, 1981 -	July 10, 1977 July 10, 1977 November 8, 1981 -
Trinidad and Tobago	- - - -	- - December 30, 1997 -	- - January 30, 1998 -
Tunisia	- - - -	- - - July 31, 2003	- - - August 31, 2003

<sup>3</sup> Continuation of the accession of Czechoslovakia (instrument deposited on November 4, 1991; State bound on December 4, 1991).

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Member	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Ukraine	- - - -	- - October 3, 1995 -	- - November 3, 1995 -
United Kingdom	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 17, 1965 July 1, 1980 August 24, 1983 December 3, 1998	August 10, 1968 July 31, 1980 September 24, 1983 January 3, 1999
United States of America	- - October 23, 1978 October 25, 1991	- - November 12, 1980 January 22, 1999	- - November 8, 1981 February 22, 1999
Uruguay	- - - -	- - October 13, 1994 -	- - November 13, 1994 -
Uzbekistan	- - - -	- - - October 14, 2004	- - - November 14, 2004

Total: 60 members

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II

SELECTED RESULTS OF UPOV IN 2004 AND 2005

(Based on information provided in the  
Program and Budget 2004-2005 – Document C/37/4)

Sub-program UV.2: Improved Services to Contracting Parties / Ensuring an Effective System of Plant Variety Protection

In the legal and administrative, as well as in the technical areas, the Union has produced and adopted a considerable number of basic documents which enhance the understanding and the implementation of the provisions of the Convention in an internationally harmonized and effective way, and thus, further improve the quality of protection and reduce its cost at a national or regional level.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To maintain and improve the quality of protection provided by the UPOV system.
  - ◆ To provide and develop the legal and technical basis for international cooperation in a harmonized approach to plant variety protection according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

**Expected results      Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*1. Increased international harmonization of the implementation of the UPOV Convention*

*1. Administrative and legal guidance on how to implement the UPOV Convention proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council or its Committees*

- Draft recommendations concerning information, documents or material furnished for examination purposes (document CAJ/50/2). Consideration concluded by the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) in October 2005.
- Draft recommendations to ensure the independence of those DUS examination centers which have, or have links to, breeding activities (document CAJ/49/3). Consideration postponed by the CAJ in October 2005.
- Draft Explanatory Notes on Article 15(1)(i) and (2) of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention: Acts done privately and for non-commercial purposes and provisions on farm-saved seed (document CAJ/50/3). Consideration concluded by the CAJ in October 2005.
- Molecular techniques (document CAJ/50/4). Recent developments considered by the CAJ in October 2005 (document CAJ/52/2).
- Standardized classification of genera and species for improved database performance: 5,600 UPOV codes created and approved by the Technical Committee (TC) / Technical Working Parties
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) concerning development of UPOV Plant Variety Database and CPVO centralized database of variety denominations
- GENIE database created containing:
  - 5,600 UPOV codes / 15,500 botanical and common names
  - status of protection by genus / species within UPOV (based on document C/39/6)
  - information on cooperation in examination (based on document C/39/5)
  - experience in DUS testing (based on document TC/41/4)
  - variety denomination classes (based on UPOV/INF/12 Rev.)

- Special meeting with breeders' associations convened on October 25, 2005, on issues concerning enforcement of plant breeders' rights; follow-up to be considered by the Consultative Committee for 2006.

**Expected results**

*2. Increased international harmonization of technical specificities for the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability of new varieties*

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*2. Technical guidelines on the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability of new varieties proposed to, or adopted by, the UPOV Council or its Committees*

- TGP documents approved by the Technical Committee and published on the UPOV website:
  - TGP/0/1 "List of TGP Documents and Latest Issue Dates"
  - TGP/2/1 "List of Test Guidelines Adopted by UPOV"
  - TGP/5/1 "Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing"
  - TGP/6/1 "Arrangements for DUS Testing"
  - TGP/7/1 "Development of Test Guidelines"
- Drafts of the following TGP documents advanced in the Technical Working Parties:
  - TGP/4 "Constitution and Management of Variety Collections"
  - TGP/8 "Use of Statistical Procedures in DUS Testing"
  - TGP/9 "Examining Distinctness"
  - TGP/10 "Examining Uniformity"
  - TGP/12 "Special Characteristics"
  - TGP/13 "Guidance for New Types and Species"
  - TGP/14 "Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents"
- 32 Test Guidelines adopted by the TC, comprising:
  - 19 revised Test Guidelines: TWA (4.5), TWF (3), TWO (1), TWV (10.5)
    - Africa: ZA (1)
    - Asia/Pacific: JP (1)
    - Europe: DE (2), ES (1), FR (5), GB (3), HU (2), NL (4)
  - 13 new Test Guidelines: TWA (1.5), TWF (1), TWO (8), TWV (2.5)
    - Americas: BR (1), CA (1), MX (1)
    - Asia/Pacific: AU (2), JP (2), KR (1)
    - Europe: DE (1), GB (1), NL (3),
- 62 draft Test Guidelines advanced by the Technical Working Parties, comprising
  - 29 revisions: TWA (4), TWF (10), TWO (9), TWV (7)
    - Africa: ZA (0.5)
    - Americas: BR (1), MX (2)
    - Asia/Pacific: AU (0.5), NZ (1.5)
    - Europe: DE (5), DK (1), ES (2.5), FR (2.5), GB (3), HU (3.5), NL (5), PL (1)
  - 33 new Test Guidelines: TWA (7), TWF (8), TWO (13), TWV (5)
    - Africa: KE (0.5), ZA (2)
    - Americas: AR (1), BR (4), CA (1), EC (1), MX (4.5)
    - Asia/Pacific: AU (1), CN (0.5), KR (1)
    - Europe: DE (2), ES (0.5), FR (6), GB (2), IT (0.5), SK (1), UA (1)
    - Near/Middle East: IL (3.5)

Total of 25 members of the Union involved in drafting Test Guidelines.



- 527 experts representing 34 members of the Union (members<sup>1</sup>), 4 observer States/authorities (obs) and 5 observer organizations (orgs) participated in the Technical Working Parties as follows:

TWA (Poland and New Zealand):  
30 members (103 participants) / 1 obs (2 participants) / 1 org (4 participants)  
TWC (Japan and Canada):  
15 members (49 participants)  
TWF (Germany and Japan):  
23 members (67 participants) / 3 obs (3 participants) / 1 org (1 participant)  
TWO (Germany and Republic of Korea):  
19 members (86 participants) / 1 obs (4 participants) / 2 orgs (3 participants)  
TWW (Republic of Korea and Slovakia):  
21 members (153 participants) / 1 org (3 participants)  
BMT (United States of America)  
17 members (45 participants) / 4 orgs (4 participants)

- 211 experts representing 30 members / 4 obs / 4 orgs participated in the Preparatory Workshops as follows:

TWA: 17 members (49 participants) / 1 obs (2 participants) / 1 org (3 participants)  
TWC: 6 members (12 participants)  
TWF: 14 members (29 participants) / 3 obs (3 participant) / 1org (1 participant)  
TWO: 15 members (53 participants) / 1org (1 participant)  
TWW: 12 members (34 participants)  
BMT: 9 members (22 participants) / 2orgs (2 participants)

38 experts representing 4 members of the Union and 2 observer States attended the Workshop on Data Handling held in Beijing, China, organized in conjunction with the TWC in 2004.

#### **Expected results**

*3. Clarification of the role of publication of variety descriptions*

#### **Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*3. Policy on publication of variety descriptions proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council*

Project to consider the publication of variety descriptions:

- The *Ad hoc* Working Group on the Publication of Variety Descriptions (WG-PVD) agreed that, at this stage, no urgent matters concerning administrative, legal and financial issues need to be addressed and agreed that the model studies should be completed.

Results of model studies reviewed by the relevant Technical Working Parties, the WG-PVD and the Technical Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> European Community counted as a member of the Union for the period under report.

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>4. Increased international harmonization of variety denominations</i>	<i>4. Variety denominations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eight sessions of <i>Ad hoc</i> Working Group on Variety Denominations (WG-VD). Developed a proposal for draft Explanatory Notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention including a revision of the List of Classes for Variety Denomination purposes. Those draft explanatory notes were considered by the CAJ in October 2005. Further consideration by the CAJ and adoption by the Council expected in 2006.</li><li>• Updating and publication of UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database (bimonthly)</li><li>• Proposals for improving the effectiveness of the Plant Variety Database developed (document TC/40/6-CAJ/49/4)</li><li>• Creation of UPOV Codes for use in the UPOV-ROM</li></ul>

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>5. Other guidance on general matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rules Governing the Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies and Access to UPOV Documents adopted by the Council in October 2005</li><li>• Recommendations for the improvement of the long-term financial issues of the Union agreed by the CC</li></ul>

### **Sub-Program UV.3: Extending the Coverage of Protection of New Varieties of Plants**

The Union has assisted the African Intellectual Property Organization (*Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle* (OAPI)) and a number of States in the implementation of plant variety protection based on the UPOV Convention. It has also provided advice to governments, mainly of developing countries and countries in transition to a market economy, in the adoption of relevant legislation.

<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ To assist governments in implementing effective plant variety rights systems.</li><li>◆ To assist governments, particularly governments of developing countries and countries in transition to a market economy, in the preparation and enactment of legislation conforming with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.</li></ul>
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<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>1. Introduction of a legal basis of plant variety protection according to the UPOV system by a growing number of States</i>	<i>1.1 New members:</i> Singapore, Jordan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, European Community, Albania <i>1.2 Accession to the 1991 Act:</i> Austria <i>1.3 Initiation of accession procedure</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advice of the Council on conformity of laws requested by: Armenia, Albania, Mauritius, Turkey, Malaysia.</li></ul>

*1.4 Comments on laws and regulations (including accession procedure)*

- Comments for 37 States/organizations: Albania, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, European Community, France, Georgia, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, India, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Mauritius, Morocco, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, OAPI, and the South African Development Community (SACD).

*1.5. Comments provided on laws and regulations which have been taken into account by States and intergovernmental organizations (including advice on accession procedure)*

Albania, Azerbaijan, European Community, France, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, Lithuania, Mauritius, OAPI, Singapore, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Viet Nam, Uzbekistan

**Expected results**

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*2. Implementation of plant variety protection*

*2.1 Concept for training and assistance, e.g. distance learning, proposed to or adopted by the Council*

- First running of distance learning course completed with 56 students in September/October 2005.
- Cooperation in the preparation of EU project providing assistance in the implementation of the Revised Bangui Agreement, Annex X (OAPI).

**Expected results**

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*3. Geographical expansion of the UPOV system*

*3.1 Number of training activities initiated/implemented*

Training activities initiated by the Office and implemented by members of the Union:

- Training of OAPI DUS Examiners in France
- Technical and Administrative Training in Spain for the Senior Legal Officer of the Office

Training activities organized by UPOV:

- Regional Seminar in Hammamet, Tunisia
- Workshop on Data Handling in Beijing, China
- Briefing for delegates at the Seventh Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-7) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- National Seminar in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Briefing to International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) in Serdang, Malaysia
- Fifth Asian Regional Technical Meeting in Hanoi, Viet Nam
- UPOV-IRRI/INGER Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand
- Technical Workshop on the Examination of New Varieties of Plants in Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Briefing for WIPO professionals in Geneva, Switzerland
- Workshop on the Benefit of Regional Cooperation and the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention in Beijing, China
- Briefing for Government officials of China in Geneva, Switzerland
- Briefing for Government officials of the Republic of Korea in Geneva, Switzerland
- Briefing for DUS experts in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Briefing for delegates at the 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in Rome, Italy

- Briefing for officials of Tajikistan on the accession procedure to the UPOV Convention in Geneva, Switzerland
- National Workshop in Kishinev, Republic of Moldova
- National Workshop in Bucharest, Romania
- National Workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria
- National Workshop in Kingston, Jamaica
- National Workshop in Bridgetown, Barbados
- National Seminar in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- National Seminar in Hanoi, Viet Nam
- Regional Seminar in Nicaragua
- Workshop in connection with the Annual Congress 2005 of the African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA) in Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Regional Workshop for Central Asian countries in Karaj, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Briefing in the Headquarters of ICARDA in Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic
- Briefing at the General Organization for Seed Multiplication in Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic
- National Seminar in Ankara, Turkey
- Fourth Training Course for Ibero-American Countries in Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- National Seminar in Jakarta
- Sixth Asian Regional Technical Meeting in Singapore
- Technical Workshop in Kôfu, Japan
- Technical Workshop in Seoul
- National Seminar in Wellington, New Zealand
- APSA-UPOV Workshop in Shanghai, China
- National Seminar in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

UPOV gave lectures at:

- Committee on Plant Variety Protection, German Association on Industrial Property Protection (GRUR) in Munich, Germany
- British Society of Plant Breeders' Workshop on Value Capture in the Plant Industry, Norwich, United Kingdom
- WIPO/World Association for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (WASME): Special Program on Intellectual Property Rights in Geneva, Switzerland
- WIPO Interregional Intermediate Seminar on Industrial Property in Geneva, Switzerland
- Two Courses on Plant Variety Protection at the Centre for Genetic Resources (CGN) in Wageningen, Netherlands
- Two Courses on Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Tokyo, Japan
- Briefing for the Japan Seed Trade Association (JASTA) in Tokyo, Japan
- Workshop on Recent Developments in Plant Variety Protection and the Utilization of Genetic Resources of the Society for Techno-Innovation in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (STAFF) in Tokyo, Japan
- WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Professors of Intellectual Property Law in Geneva, Switzerland
- XIX Pan-American Seed Seminar of the Latin-American Seed Federation (FELAS) in Asunción, Paraguay
- Workshop on practical issues relevant for national seed offices in connection with the XIX Pan-American Seed Seminar of FELAS
- Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights in Plant Varieties organized by the European Union and Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay
- First Seminar on Intellectual Property in Plants in Santiago, Chile
- Fleuroselect 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland
- Video Conference for the Masters on Intellectual Property organized by the WIPO Worldwide Academy and the University of Turin
- Workshop on the implementation of plant variety protection based on Annex X of the Revised Bangui Agreement organized by OAPI in Limbé, Cameroon
- Meeting of Dutch flower bulb breeders in Hobaho, Lisse, Netherlands

- Presentation at the Fleuroselect Business Unit Breeder Conference in Geneva, Switzerland
- Presentation at a Seminar on the Community Plant Variety Rights system in Rome
- Presentation at the Annual Conference of CIOFORA in Nice, France
- Workshop on Molecular Markers in Ottawa, Canada
- Presentation at the *Primer Foro sobre la Propiedad Intelectual para la Protección de la Biotecnología Agropecuaria* in Buenos Aires
- Lecture in the frame of a Training Program of the World Trade Organization (WTO) for officials from Pakistan
- Lecture at a WTO/WIPO Course in Geneva on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights for Professors from developing countries
- Lecture at the JICA Group Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights in Tokyo
- Presentation at a OECD Workshop on Modern Biotechnology and Seed Certification in Paris
- Presentation at a Seminar on Enforcement of Plant Variety Rights in the Community in Brussels
- Presentation at the International Seed Conference in Antalya, Turkey

**Expected results**

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*4. Strengthening of international cooperation and specialization in plant variety protection*

*4.1 Number of bilateral and regional arrangements on plant variety protection*

- Agreements for cooperation in variety testing now extend to approximately 640 genera or species (see document C/39/5)

*4.2 Publication of information on available experience in DUS testing*

- Practical technical knowledge/national test guidelines reported for approximately 1,750 genera or species (see document TC/41/4)

**Expected results**

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*5. Incentives for the development of agriculture and the overall economy of the States concerned*

*5.1 Number of titles granted*

9,127 titles granted by members of the Union in 2004 (figures for 2005 will be available in October 2006)

*5.2 Number of titles in force*

64,170 titles in force with members of the Union at the end of 2004 (figures for 2005 will be available in October 2006)

*5.3 Study of the impact of plant breeders rights*

UPOV Report on the Impact of Plant Variety Protection was published.

## **Sub-Program UV.4: External Relations**

UPOV's public profile continues to become more visible. Intergovernmental organizations, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Council for TRIPS) of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Conference of the Parties for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and research institutes of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) have invited UPOV to contribute to their work. International professional associations have intensified contact with UPOV. Reference to UPOV has been made in bilateral international agreements on trade. Understanding of UPOV's role and activities have improved. UPOV's improved website has continued to receive increased interest.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To increase public awareness of UPOV and strengthen its impact.
  - ◆ To maintain the attractiveness of the UPOV system.
  - ◆ To increase the understanding of UPOV's role and activities.
  - ◆ To develop UPOV's corporate image.

### **Expected results      Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*1. Recognition of the importance of the UPOV system by relevant Organizations*

*Occasions UPOV invited to participate in or to make presentations at meetings of international, governmental and non-governmental organizations*

- Council for TRIPS (WTO), CBD, WIPO Intergovernmental Committee, FAO/CGRFA, OECD, International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), Central Advisory Service (CAS), International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet), Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
- Invitations from international breeders' and growers' associations
  - Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)
  - European Seed Association (ESA)
  - International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)
  - International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)
  - International Seed Federation (ISF)
  - African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)
  - British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB)
  - Fleuroselect
  - Latin-American Seed Federation (FELAS)

**Expected results**

*2. Better understanding of the basic principles of the UPOV Convention by the public, at large*

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*2.1 Number of requests for information received*

- 20 requests per working day (letters, e-mails)

*2.2 Number of references to the UPOV system*

- Eight press releases in 2004-2005
- Three issues of "Plant Variety Protection" UPOV Gazette and Newsletter in 2004-2005
- Twelve issues of UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database in 2004-2005
- UPOV Publication No. 792(E) "Compilation of the 2002 and 2003 Joint Symposia Documents of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
- Internet providers:
  - Google: 210,000 (as of July 2005) (65,900 in 2004)
  - Yahoo: 193,000 (as of July 2005) (48,600 in 2004)

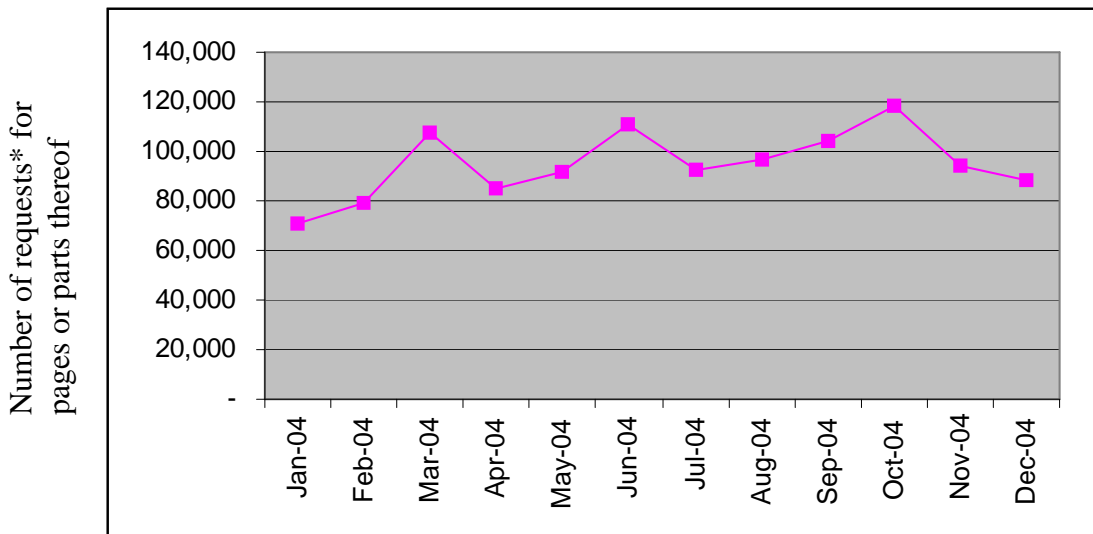
*2.3 Number of visits to the UPOV website*

- The average number of visits to the UPOV website by month is 112,415 (34,023 in 2004) (see Appendix for details)

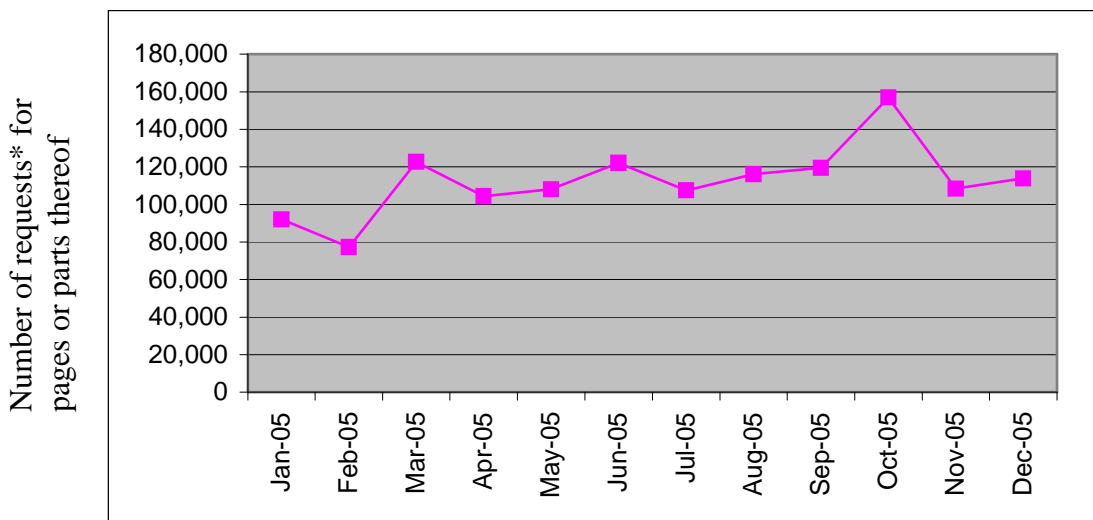
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APPENDIX

**Evolving use of UPOV website  
(2004)**



**Evolving use of UPOV website  
(2005)**



\* *Example:* Open UPOV website → UPOV documents → Council → C/39 session → Draft Agenda (E) = 5 requests

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## ANNEX III

## OVERVIEW OF MISSIONS IN 2005

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Month/Location/</b>	<b>Staff</b>
FAO Workshop	February 2005 Rome	Button
GAIA Workshop	February 2005 La Minière, France	Lavignolle
Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	February 2005 Managua	Lavignolle
Third Meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing	February 2005 Bangkok	Jördens, Tabata
Meeting with Government officials	Phnom Penh	Jördens, Tabata
Meeting with Government officials	Hanoi	Tabata
Annual Meeting of Flower Bulb Breeders	March 2005 Lisse, Netherlands	Button
Technical Workshop, organized by OAPI	March 2005 Limbé, Cameroon	Jördens
UPOV-AFSTA-OAPI Workshop on Plant Variety Protection	Yaoundé	Jördens
AFSTA Congress 2005	Yaoundé	Jördens
Administrative Council of CPVO	March 2005 Rome	Jördens
CPVO Seminar	April 2005 Rome	Jördens
Farewell Gala for Mr. René Royon, CIOPORA	April 2005 Nice, France	Jördens
CIOPORA Annual General Meeting	Nice	Jördens
West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection	May 2005 Karaj, Islamic Republic of Iran	Jördens, Tabata
UPOV-ICARDA Meeting on Plant Variety Protection	Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic	Jördens, Tabata
National Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	Ankara	Jördens, Tabata

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Month/Location/</b>	<b>Staff</b>
World Seed Congress 2005	May/June 2005 Santiago	Jördens
International Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	June 2005 Buenos Aires	Jördens
10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CPVO	June 2005 Angers, France	Jördens
Administrative Council of CPVO	Angers	Jördens
Course on Plant Variety Protection	June 2005 Wageningen, Netherlands	Jördens
Preparatory Workshop TWV	June 2005 Nitra, Slovakia	Button, Tabata
Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV)	Nitra	Button, Tabata
Preparatory Workshop TWC	June 2005 Ottawa	Button, Lavignolle
Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC)	Ottawa	Button, Lavignolle
Seminar on PVP and the Use of Molecular Techniques	Ottawa	Button, Lavignolle
Preparatory Workshop BMT	Alexandria, V.A., United States of America	Button, Lavignolle
Working Group on BMT	Alexandria	Button, Lavignolle
Technical visit to National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)	Alexandria	Button, Lavignolle
Professional Training Program at the Spanish Plant Variety Office (OEVV)	July 2005 Madrid, Sevilla, Valencia, Spain	Huerta
Contact Group for the Drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (FAO)	July 2005 Hammamet, Tunisia	Tabata
IV. Training Course for Ibero-American Countries	August 2005 Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia	Lavignolle

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Month/Location/</b>	<b>Staff</b>
JICA Plant Variety Protection Training Course	August 2005 Tokyo	Tabata
National Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	Jakarta	Tabata
Sixth Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection	August/September 2005 Singapore	Tabata
Preparatory Workshop TWF	September 2005 Kôfu, Japan	Button, Tabata
Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF)	Kôfu	Button, Tabata
Preparatory Workshop TWO	Seoul	Button
Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO)	Seoul	Button
AIPPI Executive Committee Meeting	September 2005 Berlin	Jördens
OECD Workshop on Modern Biotechnology and Seed Certification	September 2005 Paris	Button
OECD Annual Meeting	September/October 2005 Paris	Button
CPVO Seminar on Enforcement of Plant Variety Rights in the Community	October 2005 Brussels	Jördens
Preparatory Workshop TWA	October 2005 Christchurch, New Zealand	Button
Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA)	October/November 2005 Christchurch	Button
National Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	November 2005 Wellington	Button
Meeting with Government officials	Canberra	Button

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Month/Location/</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Intellectual Property Committee Meeting of the International Seed Federation (ISF)	November 2005 Stockholm	Jördens
Meeting with Government officials	Hanoi	Jördens, Tabata
UPOV-APSA Workshop on Plant Variety Protection	Shanghai, China	Jördens, Tabata
APSA Congress Asian Seed 2005	Shanghai, China	Jördens, Tabata
Meeting with Government officials	New Delhi	Jördens, Tabata
National Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	Dubai	Jördens, Tabata
Meeting with Government officials	Dubai	Jördens, Tabata
Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy	November 2005 Lyon, France	Huerta
International Seed Conference	November 2005 Antalya, Turkey	Jördens
CPVO Meeting with Representatives of its Examination Offices	December 2005 Angers, France	Button

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