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THE TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIES**

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Report on the Progress of Work of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops
(TWF)

1. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) held its twentieth session in Wageningen, The Netherlands, from September 26 to 29, 1989, in the absence of the chairman, Mr. B. Bar-Tel, under the ad hoc chairmanship of Mrs. E. Buitendag, South Africa. The full report on this session will be reproduced in document TWF/XX/9 Prov. During the session, the TWF completed its discussions on the draft Test Guidelines for Banana, for Chestnut, for Walnut and for Black Currant (Revision), which will now be presented to the Technical Committee for final adoption. It also completed its discussions on the revision of the Test Guidelines for Red and White Currant for presentation to the professional organizations for comments. In addition to the discussions on Test Guidelines, the TWF (re)discussed several other subjects and came to the following conclusions:

(i) it noted a report on joint trials of the experts from the Federal Republic of Germany with the registration group of the Permanent Judgement Committee (VKC) of the Royal Society for Horticultural and Plant Science (KMTP) of The Netherlands, on the use of a chromameter for the measuring of colors;

(ii) it discussed the proposed revision of the UPOV model for report on technical examination and other models, and submitted its comments to that revision to the Technical Committee;

(iii) it noted the document on cooperation with breeders in the testing of varieties, but preferred the description of varieties to be done by the national authority;

(iv) it discussed the use of new methods for the testing of varieties. It saw less need for the introduction of these methods for the species in its field of competence, since sufficient traditional characteristics were available for the distinguishing of varieties. It would, nevertheless, establish an inventory of the methods and the respective species in its field of competence;

(v) it discussed the possibility to establish a general framework for Test Guidelines of wild fruiting species, but concluded that for each genus or species a separate Test Guidelines document should be prepared;

(vi) it noted a very explicative report on the use of statistical methods and agreed that non-parametric statistical methods should and could be applied more often.

2. The twenty-first session of the TWF is scheduled to be held in Japan from September 10 to 17, 1990, immediately preceding the next session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees, scheduled to be held from September 18 to 24, 1990, at the same place. During that session, the Working Party plans to complete, for submission to the Technical Committee for final adoption, the Test Guidelines for Red and White Currant (Revision). It will also (re)discuss working papers on Test Guidelines for Blueberry, Citrus (Revision), Jostaberry, Lingonberry, Prunus Rootstocks, Apricot (Revision), Pear (Revision) and Chokeberry. The following other items are planned for discussion: minimum distances between varieties; color observations; (new) methods, techniques and equipment in the examination of varieties; statistical methods.

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