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Geneva, March 30 to April 1, 2009

REPORT ON THE CONCLUSIONS

adopted by the Technical Committee

Opening of the session

1. The Technical Committee (TC) held its forty-fifth session in Geneva from March 30 to April 1, 2009. The list of participants is reproduced in Annex I to this report.

2. The session was opened by Mr. Chris Barnaby (New Zealand), Chairperson of the TC, who welcomed the participants. He reported that, since the forty-fourth session of the TC, Georgia and Costa Rica had become members of the Union, taking the number of members of the Union to 67, and that Switzerland had acceded to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

Adoption of the agenda

3. The TC adopted the agenda as presented in document TC/45/1 Rev.

Report on developments in UPOV including relevant matters discussed in the last sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee, the Consultative Committee and the Council

4. The Vice Secretary-General provided an oral report on the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), the seventy-fifth and

the seventy-sixth sessions of the Consultative Committee and the twenty-fifth extraordinary session and the forty-second ordinary session of the Council.

Progress reports on the work of the Technical Working Parties, including the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT), and the *Ad Hoc* Crop Subgroups on Molecular Techniques

5. The TC received oral reports from the Chairpersons, on the work of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA), the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC), the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) and the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT).

Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties

6. The TC considered document TC/45/3.

I. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND FOR A POSSIBLE DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Matters arising after the grant of a breeder's right

7. The TC agreed to propose to the CAJ that, within its approach for the preparation of information materials concerning the UPOV Convention, a document be developed to provide guidance on matters concerning distinctness, uniformity, stability and novelty that are brought to the attention of an authority after the grant of a breeder's right.

Development of common databases for the management of variety collections

8. The TC noted that the matter of variety description databases would be considered under agenda item 10 "Publication of variety descriptions".

Applications for varieties with low germination

9. The TC noted that applications for varieties with low germination would be considered in conjunction with the revision of document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines", in particular with respect to document TGP/7/2 Draft 2, ASW 1 (TG Template: Chapter 2.3) – Seed quality requirements) [(c) Types of varieties with low germination].

Method of calculation of COYU

10. The TC noted the discussions concerning the current method of calculation of COYU, as set out in document TC/45/3, and agreed that the Technical Working Parties (TWPs) should be informed about those discussions at their sessions in 2009. The TC requested the TWC to make its recommendations to the TC concerning the proposals set out in document TC/45/3, paragraph 24.

Assessing uniformity by off-types on the basis of more than one sample or sub-samples

11. The TC considered the draft questionnaire "Population standards used for assessing uniformity by off-types on the basis of more than one sample", developed by the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC), as presented in the Annex to document TC/45/3.

12. The TC agreed that the draft questionnaire should be circulated for consideration by the Technical Working Parties at their sessions in 2009 and requested the Office of the Union to provide a new draft of the questionnaire, based on their comments, for approval at the forty-sixth session of the TC. The TC agreed that the approved questionnaire should be issued by the Office of the Union to the TC representatives of the members of the Union and the replies presented for consideration by the TC at its forty-seventh session. On the basis of the replies, the TC would consider whether that matter should be included in a future revision of document TGP/8 "Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability".

Database to research TWC working documents

13. The TC noted the developments concerning the "Database to research TWC working documents", provided by the experts from Germany, and distributed to the participants at the twenty-sixth session of the TWC.

14. The TC noted the value of being able to search the TWC documents in a database and considered that it would be useful to be able to search all documents on the UPOV website in a similar way. The Office of the Union explained that it planned to provide a facility to search the documents on the UPOV website.

II. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

15. The TC noted the matters for information provided in document TC/45/3.

TGP documents

16. The TC considered documents TC/45/5 and TC/45/14.

(a) TGP documents scheduled for adoption in 2009

TGP/12 Special Characteristics

17. The TC agreed that document TGP/12/1 Draft 7 should be amended as indicated, with the following further modifications:

Title	to read "Guidance on certain physiological characteristics"
1.1.2	first sentence to read "…(e.g. herbicide [~~resistance~~ tolerance] characteristics)…"

1.2.2.1	to move the section on tolerance above the section on susceptibility and to read as follows: "Tolerance: is the ability of a plant to limit the negative effects of a specified pest or pathogen. Effects could be related to aspects such as yield reduction. [footnote]" [footnote] "In many instances, for DUS purposes, tolerance may not be a suitable characteristic because the method required to establish different levels of tolerance requires a method of examination beyond the usual scope of a DUS test in one place in a limited number of replicates."
1.2.2.2	Definitions of Tolerance and Sensitivity to read "growth, appearance or yield"
2.2.2	to read "Repeated tests and ring tests have shown that, subject to the use of an appropriate protocol (see Section I, 2.2.4.4 [cross ref.]), the consistency and repeatability of the expression of disease resistance for a particular pathotype can be very good."
2.2.3	third sentence to read "Guidance on the description of qualitative and quantitative disease resistance characteristics is provided in Section I, 2.3 *[cross ref.]*."
2.2.5	to read "The development of inoculated plants is influenced by the environment and the quality of the inoculum. The inoculation method and the state of development of the plant may cause variation in symptoms developing in the plants within the trial. Such variation should not be assumed to be the result of a lack of uniformity of the variety (see document TGP/10/1, Section 4.6 *[cross ref.]*)"
4.2.1	to read "When herbicide tolerant varieties are treated with herbicide, their level of "tolerance" is manifested by some phenotypic expression(s). Subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for a characteristic to be used in DUS testing (TG/1/3 Section 4.2) these characteristics can be useful in assessing distinctness."
4.2.2.2	to read "In addition to situations where the glyphosate tolerance relates to the "whole plant", situations can arise where only particular organs express tolerance. For example, a trait has been developed to allow the pollen of otherwise glyphosate-sensitive cotton varieties to remain viable following the application of the herbicide. The following characteristic is an example of a characteristic developed on the basis of that trait:

	English	français	Deutsch	español	Example Varieties	Note
(+)	**Pollen: viability after glyphosate application**					
QL	absent				[…]	1
	present				[…]	9

4.3.1	to be deleted
4.3.2	to be deleted
4.3.3	to read "…Section I, 1.1.2 and 1.1.4 are met…"
Section II	to add: "4. Examples of protein characteristics derived by using electrophoresis can be found in the Test Guidelines for Barley (document TG/19/10), for Maize (document TG/2/7) and for Wheat (document TG/3/11 + Corr.)"

18. The TC noted that the amendments above would be reported to the CAJ for consideration at its fifty-ninth session, to be held in Geneva on April 2, 2009. The TC agreed that, subject to agreement by the CAJ, document TGP/12/1 Draft 7, as amended above, should be put forward for adoption by the Council at its forty-third ordinary session, to be held in Geneva on October 22, 2009. It noted that the French, German and Spanish translations of the original English text would be checked by the relevant members of the Editorial Committee prior to submission of the draft of document TGP/12/1 to the Council.

19. The TC agreed to refer consideration of the status of documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add. to the Consultative Committee.

20. The TC agreed to invite the TWV to propose whether to include a section on the nomenclature of disease resistance in document TGP/14 "Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents" or in a future revision of document TGP/12.

TGP/13 Guidance for New Types and Species

21. The TC agreed that document TGP/13/1 Draft 14 should be amended as follows:

1.2	to read "As a result of advances in plant breeding, new types of varieties and novel interspecific or intergeneric hybrids continue to be developed."
2.4.2	first sentence to read "It may be useful to consider information on the breeding origin of the candidate variety to gain further background knowledge about the new species."
2.4.3	to be deleted
2.6, 3.6, 4.6	to read "Guidance on testing stability is provided in the General Introduction (document TG/1/3)."
3.7	Sentence in square brackets to be deleted
4.5.6	to read "The uniformity standards for hybrids depend on the hybrid system, the type of the hybrid and the genetic variation in the parental lines. It is important to obtain as much information as possible from the breeder about the new type in order to choose the adequate standards."

22. The TC noted that the amendments above would be reported to the CAJ for consideration at its fifty-ninth session, to be held in Geneva on April 2, 2009. The TC agreed that, subject to agreement by the CAJ, document TGP/13/1 Draft 14, as amended above,

should be put forward for adoption by the Council at its forty third-ordinary session, to be held in Geneva on October 22, 2009. It noted that the French, German and Spanish translations of the original English text would be checked by the relevant members of the Editorial Committee prior to submission of the draft of document TGP/13/1 to the Council.

23. The TC noted that the TWF and TWO, at their sessions in 2009, would invite reports from experts on their particular experiences with new types and species.

(b) New TGP documents under development

TGP/8 Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

24. The TC agreed that document TGP/8/1 should be scheduled for adoption in 2010 on the basis of the content included in document TGP/8/1 Draft 12. The TC further agreed that, at the same time, separately from consideration of the draft of document TGP/8/1, the sections omitted from document TGP/8/1 Draft 12, as reproduced in document TC/45/14, Annex I, should continue to be developed without delay and should be incorporated into document TGP/8 by means of a revision of document TGP/8/1 (i.e. document TGP/8/2) at the earliest opportunity.

25. The TC agreed that document TGP/8/1 Draft 12 should be amended as follows:

General	to verify the cross references throughout the document (e.g. in the table of paragraph 1.5.3.1.7)
	to clarify that the methods included in document TGP/8 are not the only suitable methods for the examination of DUS. For example, expert observation is an important method.
Part I	
3.2.1.3 (c)	To add an explanation of "Match method" and to delete the reference to Australia
Part II	
General	to remove the division of methods into "Statistical Methods for Determining Distinctness" and "Statistical Methods for Determining Uniformity".

26. The TC agreed that it would not be appropriate to change the structure of document TGP/8/1. However, to assist users to identify relevant sections in the document more easily, it agreed that an orientation guide, possibly in the form of a grid or flow diagram, should be developed. It agreed that the guide should be considered alongside discussions on the draft of document TGP/8/1 with a view to its inclusion as an introduction in the document before its adoption, if considered appropriate. The TC invited proposals on such a guide, to be received by the Office of the Union by no later than April 17, 2009.

27. With regard to document TC/45/14, Annex I, the TC agreed that consideration should be given to:

New	the possibility of including information on good agronomic practices for DUS field trials (e.g. soil condition, uniformity of land etc.)
1.5.3.4	guidance on data analysis for blind randomized trials

TGP/11 Examination of Stability

28. The TC considered document TGP/11/1 Draft 5 and agreed that the following aspects should be addressed in the next draft:

(a) as agreed by the CAJ, to consider only the examination of stability in the context of the DUS examination;

(b) to explain the nature of stability and why it is connected to uniformity in such a way that the General Introduction states that "for many types of variety, when a variety has been shown to be uniform, it can also be considered to be stable" (General Introduction, Chapter 7.3.1.1);

(c) to avoid text stating that "stability is not examined" (see Sections 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.5(a));

(d) to avoid explanations of uniformity (e.g. Section 2.1.4 (a) and (b)) – if necessary to explain aspects of uniformity, to make a reference to TGP/10/1 "Examining Uniformity" or to quote text of TGP/10/1;

(e) to focus the document on providing practical guidance on situations concerning specifically stability (not uniformity), e.g. Section 2.1.4 (c);

(f) in addition to guidance on the examination of stability through the examination of uniformity, to provide guidance on the direct examination of stability, with the assistance of experts from Australia; and

(g) in relation to Section 2.2.3, to note that the TC-EDC has proposed that the standard wording for stability in Test Guidelines be amended as follows (see document TGP/7/2 Draft 2: ASW 9 (TG Template: Chapter 4.3.2) – Stability assessment: general):

> "Where appropriate, or in cases of doubt, stability may be <u>further examined</u> ~~tested, either by growing a further generation, or~~ by testing a new [seed or plant] stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the ~~previous~~ <u>initial</u> material supplied."

29. The TC noted that the forty-third session of the TWV, to be held in Beijing from April 20 to 24, 2009, was less than three weeks after the forty-fifth session of the TC. On that basis, it noted that it would not be feasible to prepare a new draft of document TGP/11/1 for consideration by the TWPs in 2009. Therefore, it agreed that, at their sessions in 2009, the TWPs should be invited to consider the comments made on document TGP/11/1 Draft 5 by the CAJ and the TC. On the basis of those comments and any further comments by the TWPs, a new draft of document TGP/11/1 (document TGP/11/1 Draft 6) would be prepared for consideration by the TC-EDC at its meeting in January 2010.

TGP/14 Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents

30. The TC agreed that document TGP/14/1 should be scheduled for adoption in 2010 on the basis of the content included in document TGP/14/1 Draft 8. At the same time, the TC agreed that, separately from consideration of the draft of document TGP/14/1, the Color Subsection should continue to be developed without delay and should be incorporated into document TGP/14 by means of a revision of document TGP/14/1 (i.e. document TGP/14/2) at the earliest opportunity.

31. The TC agreed that document TGP/14/1 Draft 8 should be amended as follows:

General	- to combine synonymous terms within a single entry (e.g. Breeder's Right, Plant Breeder's Right and PBR), but to list the terms individually in the index - to delete references to color (e.g. Section 2, Subsection I (a)) - to correct the document header section references

(c) *Revision of TGP Documents*

TGP/0 List of TGP Documents and Latest Issue Dates

32. The TC agreed to propose that document TGP/0 be revised (to become document TGP/0/2) in conjunction with the scheduled adoption of documents TGP/12 and TGP/13 by the Council at its forty-third ordinary session, to be held in Geneva on October 22, 2009.

TGP/7 Development of Test Guidelines

33. The TC agreed the following concerning document TGP/7/2 Draft 2:

1.2.1.9	to review whether the section is necessary, given the possibility for partial revisions of Test Guidelines.

34. On the basis of the comments made by the TWPs and the CAJ, and agreed by the TC-EDC, the TC agreed that the following matters, which the TC had previously agreed should be considered in the revision of document TGP/7/1, should not be pursued:

Annex 3: Guidance Notes (GN) for the TG Template	
GN 20	*(to consider whether the revision of Test Guidelines might not fully follow the guidance on the presentation of characteristics in document TGP/7 if that would involve substantial revision of databases of variety descriptions, which would not otherwise be necessary.)*
GN 29	*(to consider the possibility of introducing a table of trade names associated with the denominations of the example varieties)*

Annex 4: Collection of Approved Characteristics

Collection	*(to consider incorporating characteristics which are used in most Test Guidelines (e.g. Leaf: length) into the electronic template. To consider developing electronic templates for variety types (e.g. seed-propagated vegetables) which would incorporate more standard characteristics for the varieties concerned)*

35. The TC agreed that the following aspects concerning the "Collection of Approved Characteristics" should be addressed in parallel with the revision of document TGP/7. Where appropriate, an amendment will be made to document TGP/7/1, Annex 4, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Annex 4: Collection of Approved Characteristics	
Introduction	*(to be clarified that characteristics contained in adopted UPOV Test Guidelines may be omitted from the "Collection of approved characteristics" (document TGP/7, Annex 4) where considered appropriate by the TC, on the basis of recommendations by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC))* *(to explain that the indication of the characteristic number, the method of observation, type of characteristic and the indications of (+) and (*) had been retained from the Table of Characteristics from which the characteristic had originated, but to clarify that the information might not be appropriate for other Test Guidelines)* *(to explain to drafters of Test Guidelines that, for characteristics where any element of the characteristic is changed after copying from the collection, the translations into French, German and Spanish should be deleted)*
Collection	*(examples of color characteristics developed in conjunction with TGP/14 Section 2.3: "Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents: Botanical Terms: Color" to be incorporated into TGP/7: Annex 4 "Collection of Approved Characteristics". (It was noted that that might require the organization of the TGP/7 to be modified to some extent.))* *(to consider including a collection of approved illustrations and to consider making that collection available to breeders to assist in their applications for PBR. (see also TGP/14 Section 2.1: Plant shapes))* *(to consider the development of tools such as CD-ROMs containing photographs to enhance the understanding of the characteristics used in the Test Guidelines and thereby reduce observer error)*

36. The TC noted that the Office of the Union planned to develop an improved TG Template and to integrate the Collection of Approved Characteristics into that template in a user-friendly package for drafters of Test Guidelines.

III. PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TGP DOCUMENTS

37. The TC agreed the program for the development of TGP documents, as set out in the Annex to document TC/45/5.

UPOV information databases

38. The TC considered documents TC/45/6 and TC/45/6 Add..

GENIE database

39. The TC noted that an external consultant IT expert would be used to assist WIPO's IT Department to finalize the GENIE database project.

UPOV code system

40. The TC noted that just over 300 new UPOV codes were created in 2008 and amendments were made to approximately 30 UPOV codes, bringing the total number of UPOV codes in the GENIE database at the end of 2008 to 6,346.

41. In accordance with the procedure set out in Section 3.3 of the Guide to the UPOV Code System (see *http://www.upov.int/genie/en/upov_code.html*), the TC agreed that the Office of the Union should prepare tables of UPOV code additions and amendments, for checking by the relevant authorities, for each of the Technical Working Party (TWP) sessions in 2009.

Plant Variety Database

42. The TC noted that the Consultative Committee had approved an arrangement between UPOV and WIPO (UPOV-WIPO arrangement), concerning the UPOV Plant Variety Database, as follows:

> (a) WIPO to undertake the collation of data for the UPOV-ROM and to provide the necessary assistance to deliver the program of improvements concerning, in particular, options for receiving data for the UPOV-ROM in various formats and assistance in allocating UPOV codes to all entries (see documents CAJ/57/6, paragraphs 3 and 8 and TC/44/6, paragraphs 12 and 17). In addition, WIPO to undertake the development of a web-based version of the UPOV Plant Variety Database, and the facility to create CD-ROM versions of that database, and to provide the necessary technical support concerning the development of a common search platform (see documents CAJ/57/6, paragraphs 18 to 21 and TC/44/6, paragraphs 27 to 30)).
>
> (b) UPOV to agree that data in the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database may be included in the WIPO Patentscope® search service. In the case of data provided by parties other than members of the Union (e.g. the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)), permission for the data to be used in the WIPO Patentscope® search service would be a matter for the parties concerned.

43. The TC noted that the current arrangements for providing data for the UPOV-ROM, as set out in the "Memorandum of Understanding between UPOV and the CPVO" (MoU) (see documents CAJ/57/6, paragraph 6 and TC/44/6, paragraph 15), would not be affected by the agreement between UPOV and WIPO.

44. The TC noted that WIPO would allocate one IT expert in the professional category and one member of staff in the general service category to the collation of data and development

of the Plant Variety Database. Those two members of staff were expected to be in post by mid-2009.

45. The TC noted the latest situation with regard to contributors to the UPOV-ROM, as set out in document TC/45/6 Add..

46. The TC noted the proposals concerning the program for improvements to the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database as set out in document TC/45/6, paragraph 26. It proposed that further consideration should be given to whether to add any new fields to the Plant Variety Database and, at the same time, consideration should be given to whether any of the existing fields should be removed.

47. With regard to the development of a web-based version of the Plant Variety Database, the TC noted that the members of the Union would be invited to determine the accessibility and any charge for access in due course.

Molecular techniques

48. The TC considered documents TC/45/7 and BMT Guidelines (proj.14).

UPOV Guidelines for DNA-profiling: molecular marker selection and database construction (BMT Guidelines)

49. The TC agreed that no changes were required to document BMT Guidelines (proj.14). However, it noted that the French, German and Spanish translations of the original English text would be checked by the relevant members of the Editorial Committee prior to submission of the document for adoption by the Council.

50. The TC noted that the draft BMT Guidelines (document BMT Guidelines (proj.15)) would be presented for consideration by the CAJ at its sixtieth session, to be held in Geneva on October 19 and 20, 2009. The TC agreed that, on the basis of the conclusions of the TC and CAJ at their sessions in 2009, a draft of the BMT Guidelines should be prepared for approval by the TC and CAJ in March 2010, in anticipation of adoption of the BMT Guidelines by the Council in 2010. The TC noted that the timetable also anticipates the submission of a revised version of documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add. to the Council for adoption in conjunction with the BMT Guidelines (see below).

Proposals for the utilization of biochemical and molecular techniques in the examination of DUS to be considered by the BMT Review Group

51. As requested by the TC at its forty-fourth session and the CAJ at its fifty-seventh session, the TC noted that the approach presented in documents BMT/10/14 and BMT-TWA/Maize/2/11 “Possible use of molecular techniques in DUS testing on maize: how to integrate a new tool to serve the effectiveness of protection offered under the UPOV system”, prepared by experts from France, would be put forward for consideration by the *Ad hoc* Subgroup of Technical and Legal Experts of Biochemical and Molecular Techniques (BMT Review Group) at its meeting on April 1, 2009.

52. The TC noted that the assessment of the BMT Review Group would be presented for consideration by the CAJ at its sixtieth session, to be held in Geneva on October 19 and 20, 2009, and by the TC at its forty-sixth session, in 2010. The TC also noted that, in the meantime, an oral report of the BMT Review Group meeting would be made at the fifty-ninth session of the CAJ, to be held in Geneva on April 2, 2009 and the report of the BMT Review Group would be posted on the first-restricted area of the UPOV website. The TC agreed that a report on the conclusions of the BMT Review Group should be made to the Technical Working Parties at their sessions in 2009.

Revision of documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add.

53. The TC recalled that, at its forty-second session, held in Geneva, from April 3 to 5, 2006, it had "reaffirmed its support for the presentation of the situation, set out in documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add., which presented the proposals developed in the *Ad hoc* Crop Subgroups, the recommendations of the BMT Review Group concerning those proposals and the opinion of the TC and the CAJ regarding the recommendations of the BMT Review Group. […]". Therefore, it did not consider that it would be appropriate to make major changes to the structure and form of the information provided in documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add. However, to assist the Office of the Union in the preparation of the revision of documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add., with the aim of developing a document for adoption by the Council, the TC agreed:

(a) to consolidate document TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5, paragraphs 9 and 10 and the Annex, and document TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add., paragraphs 3 to 7, into a single document;

(b) subject to a positive assessment by the BMT Review Group of the approach presented in documents BMT/10/14 and BMT-TWA/Maize/2/11 and endorsement by the TC and CAJ, to add a section concerning the approach presented in documents BMT/10/14 and BMT-TWA/Maize/2/11; and

(c) to emphasize the importance of the assumptions to be met in each of the options and proposals and to clarify that it is a matter for the relevant authority to consider if the relevant assumptions set out in documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add. are met.

54. Subject to a positive assessment by the BMT Review Group of the approach presented in documents BMT/10/14 and BMT-TWA/Maize/2/11 and an endorsement by the CAJ at its sixtieth session, the TC agreed that a first draft of the revised version of documents TC/38/14-CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add. should be prepared for consideration by the TC at its forty-sixth session and by the CAJ at its sixty-first session, both in March 2010. On that basis, the TC noted that a document could be presented for adoption by the Council in 2010, in conjunction with the BMT Guidelines (see above).

Practical exercise in the development of an exchangeable database

55. The TC noted that the possible commonality between the matters considered under the item "practical exercise in the development of an exchangeable database" and the matters reported under agenda item 5 "Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties" and

agenda item 10 "Publication of variety descriptions" would be considered under agenda item 10 "Publication of variety descriptions".

International guidelines on molecular methodologies

56. The TC noted the developments concerning international guidelines on molecular methodologies, as set out in document TC/45/7, paragraphs 39 to 41.

Statistical methods for data produced by biochemical and molecular techniques

57. The TC agreed to request the TWC to consider if the item on the BMT agenda for "statistical methods for data produced by biochemical and molecular techniques" should be replaced by an item "methods for analysis of molecular data" to cover, for example, calculation of distances.

Ad hoc *crop subgroups on molecular techniques (Crop Subgroups)*

58. The TC noted the developments concerning Crop Subgroups as set out in document TC/45/7, paragraphs 46 to 50 and agreed the following plans for meetings of Crop Subgroups:

Crop Subgroup for Maize: to hold a meeting in November/December 2009, tentatively in conjunction with the maize and sorghum breeders' meeting in the United States of America;

Crop Subgroup for Potato: to consider a future meeting according to developments in on-going projects reported at the eleventh session of the BMT;

Crop Subgroup for Soybean: Mr. Marcelo Labarta (Argentina), Chairman of the Crop Subgroup for Soybean, to consider the need for a meeting with experts from Brazil. The TC noted that Mr. Labarta had already held preliminary discussions on organizing such a meeting; and

Crop Subgroup for Wheat and Barley: subject to sufficient papers, to consider a meeting in conjunction with the twelfth session of the BMT.

59. The TC invited the TWA to propose a new Chairperson of the Crop Subgroup for Oilseed Rape.

Working group on biochemical and molecular techniques, and DNA-profiling in particular (BMT)

60. The TC noted the report on developments in the BMT, as set out in document TC/45/7, paragraphs 52 to 54.

Variety denominations

61. The TC considered documents TC/45/8 and TC/45/8 Add..

Revision of Class 211

62. The TC proposed that Class 211 in document UPOV/INF/12/1, Part II "Classes encompassing more than one genus" should be modified to cover all species of *Agaricus*, *Agrocybe*, *Auricularia*, *Dictyophora*, *Flammulina*, *Ganoderma*, *Grifola*, *Hericium*, *Hypsizigus*, *Lentinula*, *Lepista*, *Lyophyllum*, *Meripilus*, *Mycoleptodonoides*, *Naematoloma, Panellus*, *Pholiota*, *Pleurotus*, *Polyporus*, *Sparassis* and *Tricholoma*. The TC further agreed that the name of Class 211 should be changed to "Class 211 (Mushrooms)".

63. The TC noted that its proposal concerning Class 211 would be reported to the CAJ, for consideration at its sixtieth session, to be held in Geneva on October 19 and 20, 2009. The TC noted that, if the CAJ was in accordance with the proposal of the TC, a draft revised version of the "Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention", document UPOV/INF/12/1, would be presented to the Council for adoption at its forty-third ordinary session, to be held in Geneva on October 22, 2009.

Revision of Class 202

64. The TC agreed to the deletion of the entries in the GENIE database for *Setaria flavida* (Retz.) Veldkamp / *Paspalidium flavidum* (Retz.) A. Camus and for *Setaria viridis* (L.) P. Beauv. / *Setaria italica subsp. viridis* (L.) Thell..

65. The TC agreed to propose that Class 202 in document UPOV/INF/12/1, Part II "Classes encompassing more than one genus", be extended to cover *Megathyrsus, Panicum, Setaria and Steinchisma*.

66. The TC requested the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) to consider that proposal at the thirty-eighth session of the TWA, to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from August 31 to September 4, 2009. It agreed that, subject to endorsement of the TC proposal by the TWA, the CAJ would be invited to consider that proposal at its sixtieth session, to be held in Geneva on October 19 and 20, 2009, in conjunction with the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/12/1 "Explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention".

Publication of variety descriptions

67. The TC considered document TC/45/9.

68. The TC noted from the developments reported in document TC/45/9, that members of the Union were developing databases containing morphological and/or molecular data and, where considered appropriate, were collaborating in the development of databases for the management of variety collections, particularly on a regional basis. The TC agreed that it could be beneficial to offer the possibility for members of the Union to report on that work in a coherent way to the Technical Committee, the Technical Working Parties and the BMT. On that basis, the TC agreed to replace the agenda item "Publication of variety descriptions" with an item for "Variety description databases" on the agendas of the forthcoming sessions of the

TC, TWPs and the BMT. In that respect, it recalled the importance of the list of criteria for consideration for the use of descriptions obtained from different locations and sources as set out in document TC/45/9, paragraph 3. The TC also agreed that the information presented would not need to be related to the publication of descriptions.

Preparatory workshops

69. The TC noted the report of the preparatory workshops held in 2008 and agreed the proposals for the programs for the preparatory workshops to be held in 2009, as set out in document TC/45/10. In response to the Delegation of the Republic of Korea, the Office of the Union explained that there was flexibility in the program for the preparatory workshops in order to respond to the interests of the participants, including in particular the local participants.

70. With respect to the event to coincide with the thirty-eighth session of the TWA, to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from August 31 to September 4, 2009, the Delegation of the Republic of Korea clarified that it was planned to hold an international symposium on the "Impact of the PVP System", to which speakers and participants from members of the Union would be invited.

Combination of lines or varieties

71. The TC noted the information presented on combinations of lines or varieties at the thirty-seventh session of the TWA, held in Nelspruit, South Africa, from July 14 to 18, 2008, and the discussions that took place, as set out in document TC/45/11.

List of exchangeable software

72. The TC considered documents TC/45/12 and UPOV/INF/Software Draft 1.

73. The TC agreed that document UPOV/INF/Software Draft 1 provided a suitable initial structure for a list of exchangeable software, but agreed that the categories of software might need to be modified according to the software that was included.

74. The TC agreed that document UPOV/INF/Software Draft 1 should be prepared for consideration by the Technical Working Parties, including the TWC, at their sessions in 2009 and by the CAJ at its sixtieth session, to be held in Geneva on October 19 and 20, 2009.

75. The TC agreed that the TWC, at its twenty-seventh session, to be held in Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America, from June 16 to 19, 2009, should review the entry for DUSTNT in document UPOV/INF/Software. In particular, the TC noted that the DUSTNT program included many modules, including a wide range of multivariate analysis techniques, while UPOV had specifically endorsed only the COYD and COYU methods. The TC noted that the TWC had invited experts to propose other DUSTNT modules, which had been used by them, for endorsement in the document on exchangeable software.

Electronic application systems

76. The TC considered document TC/45/13.

77. The Delegation of New Zealand commented that Proposal 1 "Standardized reference by authorities to the UPOV Model Application Form, UPOV Model TQ and/or UPOV Test Guidelines TQ" would be a reasonable option for implementation in New Zealand. The Delegation of the European Community and the representative of the International Seed Federation (ISF) expressed a preference for Proposal 2 "Use of information provided in an electronic version of the UPOV Model Application Form (and possibly the UPOV Model TQ or UPOV Test Guidelines TQ)". The Delegation of the United States of America expressed concerns about the limited interest of members to make use of the form and the resource implications. It also sought further information with respect to the proposals before it could express a view.

78. The TC noted that the matter would be considered further by the CAJ at its fifty-ninth session, to be held in Geneva on April 2, 2009.

List of genera and species for which authorities have practical experience in the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability

79. The TC noted the information provided in document TC/45/4 and heard that the number of genera and species for which members of the Union had practical experience had increased from 2,179 in 2008 to 2,209 in 2009.

80. The TC agreed that document TC/45/4 should be updated for the forty-sixth session of the TC. However, it agreed that the updated document should not include the entries in parentheses.

Test Guidelines

81. The TC considered document TC/45/2.

82. The TC adopted the Test Guidelines listed in the table below on the basis of the amendments, as specified in Annex II to this document, which was circulated in advance, and the linguistic changes recommended by the TC-EDC:

Document No. Nº. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name Nom botanique Botanischer Name Nombre botánico
NEW TEST GUIDELINES					
TG/COWPEA(proj.4)	Asparagus-bean, Pea-bean, Yard-long-bean, Chinese long-bean	Dolique asperge, Haricot asperge	Spargelbohne	Caupí, Judía espárrago, Judía de vaca	Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp. subsp. sesquipedalis (L.) Verdc.
TG/HEVEA(proj.6)	Rubber				Hevea Aubl.
TG/NERIUM(proj.5)	Oleander, Rose Bay, Rose-laurel	Laurier rose, Oléandre	Oleander	Adelfa, Baladre, Laurel Rosa, Pascua	Nerium oleander L. (Nerium indicum Mill.)
TG/PASSI(proj.6)	Granadilla, Passion fruit	Barbadine, Fruit de la passion	Passionsfrucht, Purpurgranadilla	Granadilla, Maracuyá	Passiflora edulis Sims
TG/PHLOX(proj.3)	fall phlox, fall pink, garden phlox, panicled phlox, perennial phlox, perennial pink, summer phlox, sweet William	-	-	-	Phlox paniculata L.
TG/PRUNU_PAD(proj.4)	Bird cherry	Merisier à grappes	Traubenkirsche	Cereso de racimo	Prunus padus L.
TG/TARO(proj.4)	Cocoyam, Dasheen, eddo, Elephant's-ear, Kalo, Madumbe, Taro; -	- ; -	Colocasie; -	- ; -	Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott; Colocasia gigantea (Blume) Hook. f.
TG/YAM(proj.4)	Yam	Igname	Yamswurzel	Ñame	Dioscorea alata L.; Dioscorea polystachya Turcz.; Dioscorea japonica Thunb.
REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES					
TG/2/7(proj.4)	Maize	Maïs	Mais	Maíz	Zea mays L.
TG/7/10(proj.6)	Pea	Pois	Erbse	Guisante, Arveja	Pisum sativum L.
TG/28/9(proj.4)	Zonal Pelargonium, Horseshoed pelargonium; Ivy-leaved Pelargonium, Hanging geranium, Ivy geranium, Ivy-leaf pelargonium	Géranium, Pelargonium zonale; Géranium-lierre	Zonal-Pelargonie; Efeupelargonie, Efeu-blättrige, Halbpeltaten	Geranio zonal, geranio malvón, geranio de hierro, geranio de sardina, hierba sardinera, pelargonio	Pelargonium Zonale Group (Pelargonium ×hortorum L. H. Bailey, Pelargonium-Zonale-Hybridae), Pelargonium peltatum (L.) Hér (Pelargonium-Peltatum-Hybridae) and hybrids between those species and other species of Pelargonium L'Hér. ex Ait.
TG/45/7(proj.5)	Cauliflower	Chou-fleur	Blumenkohl	Coliflor	Brassica oleracea L. convar. botrytis (L.) Alef. var. botrytis (Brassica caulifloria Lizg.)
PARTIAL REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES					
TG/89/6 Rev. (proj_TC/45/2)	Swede	Chou-navet, Rutabaga	Kohlrübe	Colinabo	Brassica napus L. var. napobrassica (L.) Rchb.
TG/155/4 Rev. (proj_TC/45/2)	Pumpkin	Giraumon, Potiron	Riesenkürbis	Calabaza, Zapallo	Cucurbita maxima Duch.
TG/209/1 Rev. (proj_TC/45/2)	Dendrobium	Dendrobium	Dendrobium, Baumwucherer	Dendrobium	Dendrobium Sw.
TG/220/1 Rev. (proj_TC/45/2)	Verbena, Vervain	Verveine	Verbene, Eisenkraut	Verbena	Verbena L.

83. With regard to the draft Test Guidelines for Pea (document TG/7/10(proj.6)), the TC noted that comments had been received from Ukraine in response to the circular concerning the proposed amendments to characteristics 39 (Pod: parchment) and 40 (Excluding varieties with pod parchment: entire: Pod: thickened wall). The TC agreed that the Test Guidelines for Pea be adopted subject to resolution of the comments by Ukraine, either by correspondence with Ukraine, or by the TWV and the TWA at their sessions in 2009.

84. With regard to the draft Test Guidelines for Phlox (TG/PHLOX(proj.3), on the basis of the recommendation of the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting in March 2009, the TC agreed that the Test Guidelines for Phlox be adopted subject to further asterisked characteristics being agreed by the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), either by correspondence or at its forty-second session.

85. With regard to the draft Test Guidelines for Anubias (document TG/ANUBI(proj.5)) and for Mokara (document TG/MOKARA(proj.5)), on the basis of the recommendation of the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2009 the TC agreed that the technical issues concerning those draft Test Guidelines, as set out in Annex II to this document, should be referred back to the TWO, for further consideration.

86. With regard to the draft Test Guidelines for Fig (document TG/FIG(proj.4)), on the basis of the recommendation of the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting in March 2009, the TC agreed that the technical issues concerning those draft Test Guidelines, as set out in Annex II to this document, should be referred back to the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) for further consideration.

87. The TC agreed to invite any proposed amendments to the common names for the adopted Test Guidelines to be sent to the Office of the Union by April 15, 2009. Those proposed amendments would be considered by the Editorial Committee by April 29, 2009.

88. The TC noted the corrections that had been made to documents TG/26/5 “Test Guidelines for Chrysanthemum”, TG/86/5 “Test Guidelines for Anthurium”, TG/94/6 “Test Guidelines for Ling, Scots Heather”, TG/176/4 “Test Guidelines for Osteospermum”, TG/225/1 “Test Guidelines for Waxflower”, TG/238/1 “Test Guidelines for Tea” and TG/241/1 “Test Guidelines for Nemesia”, as set out in document TC/45/2, paragraphs 14 to 27.

89. The TC agreed the plans for the development of new Test Guidelines and the revision or partial of Test Guidelines, as shown in document TC/45/2, Annex II, subject to the deletion of the entry for the partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Ling, Scots Heather (document TG/94/6).

90. The TC note the status of the existing Test Guidelines as listed in document TC/45/2, Annex III.

Program for the forty-sixth session

91. The following draft agenda was agreed for the forty-sixth session of the TC, to be held in Geneva in 2010:

1. Opening of the session

2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report on developments in UPOV including relevant matters discussed in the last sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee, the Consultative Committee and the Council (oral report by the Vice Secretary-General)
4. Progress reports on the work of the Technical Working Parties, including the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) and Crop Subgroups
5. Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties
6. TGP documents
7. Molecular techniques
8. Variety denominations
9. UPOV information databases
10. Variety description databases
11. Exchangeable software
12. Electronic application systems
13. Preparatory workshops
14. Method of calculation of COYU
15. Assessing uniformity by off-types on the basis of more than one sample or sub-samples
16. Test Guidelines
17. List of genera and species for which authorities have practical experience in the examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability
18. Program for the forty-seventh session
19. Adoption of the report on the conclusions reached in the session (if time permits)
20. Closing of the session

92. The TC adopted this report at the close of the session.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEXE I / ANNEX I / ANLAGE I / ANEXO I

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ANNEX II

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TEST GUIDELINES PRIOR TO THEIR ADOPTION AT THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC)

1. NEW TEST GUIDELINES

Anubias	**TG/ANUBI(proj.5)**

(a) Editorial amendments to document TG/ANUBI(proj.4), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/ANUBI(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

3.5	to use one of the following Additional Standard Wording (ASW) options (choice will depend on whether the number of plants in Chapter 3.5 and 4.2.2 is the same): Alternative 1: "Unless otherwise indicated, all observations should be made on { x } plants or parts taken from each of { x } plants. In the case of parts of plants, the number to be taken from each of the plants should be { y }." Alternative 2: "Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on single plants should be made on { x } plants or parts taken from each of { x } plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test. In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be { y }."
4.2.1	to add "However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines:"
4.2.2	to read "For the assessment of uniformity of vegetatively propagated varieties…"
4.3.2	to delete "seed or"
Char. 5	to read "Leaf: width of blade" (for consistency with Char. 2) and to move after Char. 2
Char. 8	state 3 to read "rounded"
Char. 9	state 1 to read "absent or weak"
Char. 10	- to be indicated as QN; - state 1 to read "absent or weak"
Char. 11	to check whether should be note (c) instead of (a)
Char. 12	to read "Young leaf: color of blade" (to add underlining)
Char. 13	to read "Mature leaf: color of blade"
Char. 19	to change "on" to "at"
8.1	to reorder notes to follow logical sequence in Table of Characteristics
8.1 (a)	to become Ad. 1
8.1 (e)	to delete "the size of" (see Char. 19) and add "(before Spadix pollination)"
Ad. 14	to replace with correct photograph
9.	Crusio, W., 1979: A revision of Anubias Schott (Araceae). Meded, Landbouwhogeschool Wageningen 79(14).: pages of publication to be provided
9.	to read "Kasselmann, C., 2003: Aquarium Plants. Krieger Publishing Company. Malabar, Florida, US, pp. 98-110."

TQ 1	to provide tick-boxes for the 3 relevant species and a blank box to be completed for hybrids
TQ 4.2.1(c)	to read "*in vitro*" (italics)
TQ 5.2	example variety for state 2 to read "Marble (B)" instead of "Marble (N)"
TQ 5.3	example variety for state 2 to read "Gold (N)" instead of "Golden (N)"

(b) The Enlarged Editorial Committee, at its meeting on January 8, 2009, proposed that the following technical issues be referred back to the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees, for further consideration:

Chapters 3.4.1, 4.2.2: to review whether 10 plants and 1 replicate would be sufficient;
Example varieties: to review whether the example varieties meet the UPOV definition of a variety;
Char. 1: to have the states "narrow" (3) and "broad" (7), or to change characteristic to "Rhizome: thickness";
Char. 7: to have at least 3 states of expression (PQ characteristic);
Char. 10 to check whether example variety for state 1 should read "Oriental Green";
Char. 11: to check whether a qualitative characteristic and whether example variety for state 9 should be spelt as "Wrinkled";
Char. 14: to check whether the illustration for state 7 indicates more than one characteristic (e.g. mottling and variegation);
Char. 19: to check whether a qualitative characteristic; and
Char. 21 to have the states "narrow" (3) and "broad" (7), or to change characteristic to "Inflorescence: thickness of spadix".

Asparagus-bean / Yard-long-bean (Vigna unguiculata subsp. sesquipedalis (L.) Verdc.)	**TG/COWPEA(proj.4)**

(a) Changes to document TG/COWPEA(proj.3), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/COWPEA(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Cover page – title box	to read "*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. subsp. *sesquipedalis* (L.) Verdc.
1.	to read "*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. subsp. *sesquipedalis* (L.) Verdc.
3.5	to read "Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on single plants should be made on 20 plants or parts taken from each of 20 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test."
Char. 2	to check whether to delete "(when fully developed)" – see note (a) *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 3	to check whether to read "Plant: height of main stem (when supported)" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 3	notes 3, 5, 7 to be written in non-bold font
Char. 9	to delete note (a)
Char. 13	to check whether QL *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 14	to check whether to have the states: smooth or slightly rough (1);

	moderately rough (2); very rough (3) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 15	to check whether to be deleted (does not appear to be QL and covered by Char. 17: state 1 = absent or very weakly present) *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 16	to check whether to delete "Only varieties with Pod: anthocyanin coloration absent:" (see comments to Char. 15) *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 18	to check whether to add note (b) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 21	example variety to be provided for state 3 *not provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 23	- to check whether QL: if not, to be deleted and to add new state "absent" for Char. 25 and move Char. 25 before Char. 24. *Leading Expert: no change* - if retained, to read "Seed: presence of secondary color" to differentiate from Char. 24 *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 25	- state 1 to read "around hylum" - example varieties to be provided for states 1 and 4 *not provided by Leading Expert*
8.1 (a)	to check whether to delete "time of flowering" and to replace "(50% of the plants with at least one flower)" with a reference to Ad. 9 for time of first flowering *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 3	to check whether to read "The height of the main stem is observed from the node of the cotyledon to the top of the supported plant at first flowering." *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 5, 6, 7	to add "terminal leaflet" and "petiole" to appropriate dimensions
9.	to read "Larkom, J., 1991: Yard long bean, Oriental Vegetables. Jon Murry, GB. pp.62-63."
9.	to read "Nawata, E.,1991: Vigna L., The Grand Dictionary of Horticulture. Shougakkan, JP. Vol. 2. 353 p."
9.	to read "Phillips,R., Rix, M., 1993: Cowpea and Asparagus bean. Vegetables. Pan Books, GB. pp. 104-105."
TQ 1.1	to read "*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. subsp. *sesquipedalis* (L.) Verdc.
TQ 6	to read "medium to long"

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Chars. 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20	to check whether to be indicated as VG/MS
Chars. 4, 5	to delete "blade"
Chars. 15, 16, 17	to delete Char. 15 and to delete underlined wording in Chars. 16 and 17, or to delete "absent or" from Char. 17 and to check the example variety for state 1

Char. 21	example variety to be provided for state 3, if possible
Char. 25	example varieties to be provided for states 1 and 4, if possible

Fig	**TG/FIG (proj.4)**

(a) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Table of Chars.	to delete "-" from color characteristics (e.g. Chars. 13, 42, etc.)
Char. 9	state 1: to check whether should be "," after "Arail"
Chars. 11, 12	to move after Char. 16.
Char. 13	to delete footnote (no objections to Circular E-941)
Char. 19	- to read "Excluding varieties with leaf: predominant shape: entire: …" - state 3 to read "narrow rhombic" and state 6 to read "broad rhombic" - to reorder states as 5, 3, 6, 1, 2, 4
Char. 20	to read "Excluding varieties with leaf: predominant shape: entire: …"
Chars. 29.1, 29.2	(+) to be deleted
Chars. 35.1, 35.2	state 5 to read "yellow and green bands"
Char. 35.2	to correct the order of states according to the order in Char. 35.1 (if retained)
Chars. 41.1, 41.2	to read "Fruit: cracking around ostiole"
Chars. 44.1, 44.2	to read "Fruit: internal cavity …"
Chars. 45.1, 45.2	to be moved after Char. 48
Char. 46	to read "Fruit: scratch resistance of skin"
Char. 49	to read "Productive type"
Char. 49	to check spelling of Smirna / Smyrna (state 4, example variety and Ad. 49)
Chars. 51.1, 51.2	to have notes 1, 2, 3 (as agreed by TWF)
8.1 (c)	- to add indication of achenes - to amend "Escales" to read "Scales" - to delete Spanish translation - to use dotted lines for fruit length
Ad. 1	notes "3" and "5" to be changed to "2" and "3" and explanations in brackets to be deleted
Ad. 2	to provide an illustration for state 1 (absent)
Ad. 3	to read "The circumference of the trunk should be measured 20 centimeters above the ground. The vigor is observed as the growth rate of the circumference. It is necessary for comparisons that the varieties are of the same age."
Ad. 6, 7	to read "Bark tubers …"
Ad. 8, 35, 43	to check the accuracy of the RHS Colour Chart numbers and to specify the RHS Colour Chart version

Ad. 8	to delete the first sentence and to read "This color measurement can be done…"
Ad. 9, 10	to read "The observations should …"
Ad. 14	to read "Support swellings are…"
Ad. 16	- to read "Randomly select 10 shoots per tree and count the number of leaves on the one year old shoot." - to delete the indications of the number of leaves
Ad. 17	to read "Randomly select 10 shoots per tree and observe the leaves along the shoot."
Ad. 20, 22	lines to be positioned correctly
Ad. 23	to reword to apply to all lobed leaves (not just three-lobed leaves)
Ad. 29.1, 29.2	to be deleted
Ad. 49	to explain "mamme, profichi, mammoni"
Ad. 50.1, 50.2	to read "The time of fruit maturity…"
8.3	to add "8.3" before title of table of synonyms
8.3	to check whether "Brown Turkey" can also be known as "Everbearing"
Study variable	table to be deleted
9.	to be amended to follow the guidelines in TGP/7
TQ 5	to align with Table of Chars. and check with Leading Expert
TQ 6	to remove column lines

(b) The Enlarged Editorial Committee proposed that the following technical issues be referred back to the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), for further consideration:

Chars. 14, 15, 16: to clarify the age of shoot to be observed (one or two-year-old) and to review the wording and allocation of notes (a) and (b);

Char. 18: to check whether to read "Only varieties with leaf: predominant shape: entire: …";

Chars. 23, 24: to check whether to read "Excluding varieties with leaf: predominant shape: entire: …";

Chars. 25.1, 25.2, etc.: to check whether the duplication of fruit characteristics at first harvest and second harvest provides useful discrimination between varieties and to delete duplicated characteristics that do not provide useful discrimination. In the case of duplicated fruit characteristics that are found to provide useful discrimination:

(i) to provide the same example varieties for the characteristic observed at different harvests; and

(ii) to number as independent characteristics in chronological sequence;

Chars. 27, 32: to replace with a set of characteristics according to document TGP/14/1 Draft 8; and

Ad. 36: to check whether reference to the RHS Colour Chart is necessary

Hevea (Rubber)	**TG/HEVEA (proj.6)**

(a) Changes to document TG/HEVEA (proj.5), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/HEVEA (proj.6)), submitted to the TC:

Altern. names (Spanish)	to delete the name "ule" and add "Árbol del caucho, hule"
2.3, 3.4.1, 3.5	to review the number of plants: to check whether there should be the same number of plants for Chapters 2.3, 3.4.1 and 3.5 *Leading Expert: no change*
3.1	to correct the spelling of "minimum"
3.3.3, 6.5	to add MG
3.4.1	to delete "spaced"
3.5	to read "Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on single plants should be made on { x } plants or parts taken from each of { x } plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test. In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be 3."
Char. 1	to check whether to read "Branch: shape of top of leaf cluster" *Leading Expert: no change*
Chars. 2, 3, 5	to check whether to add note (a) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 3	to add note 3
Char. 5	to change "surface" to "surface texture"
Char. 6	to indicate type of observation *Leading Expert: VG*
Char. 12	to check whether to have the states: narrow acute (1); broad acute (2); obtuse (or rounded) (3) (attenuate = concave sides) *Leading Expert: no change*
Chars. 14, 15	to add notes 1, 2, 3 (checked with TWO report)
Char. 15	to indicate type of observation *Leading Expert: VG*
Char. 15	to read "Trunk: curvature of axis"
Char. 16	to indicate type of observation *Leading Expert: MS*
Char. 22	to check whether to read "Tree: winter leaf shed" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 23	to check whether to read "Tree: beginning of winter leaf shed" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 23	to check whether to be indicated as MG *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 24	- to have notes 3, 5, 7 (in previous draft) *Leading Expert: agreed* - to check whether to add note (c) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 24, 25, 26	to be indicated as VG, MS or VG/MS (not MG) *Leading Expert: MS*

8.1 (c)	to check whether to replace "approximately" with "at least" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 19	to provide outline around part of tree to be observed *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 27	to indicate point of attachment *Leading Expert: point of attachment is at base*
9.	to check formatting
9.	to read "Chevallier M.H., 1988: Genetic variability of *Hevea brasiliensis* germplasm, using isozyme markers. Journal of Natural Rubber Research, 3: 42-53."
9.	to read "Lespinasse D., Rodier-Guno M., Grivet L., Leconte A., Legnate H., Seguin M., 2000: A saturated genetic linkage map of rubber tree (*Hevea* spp.) based on RFLP, AFLP, microsatellite and isozyme markers. Theur. Appl. Genet. 100:127-138"
9.	to read "Thomas V., Mercykutty V.C. and Saraswathyamma C.K., 1996: Seed morphology of the rubber tree (*Hevea brasiliensis*, Muell. Arg. *Euphorbiaceae*): A review. Phytomorphology; 46(4): 335-342."
TQ 4	to add "#" and footnote
TQ 4.2.1(c)	to add tick box
TQ 6	to use characteristic from the Technical Questionnaire *provided by Leading Expert*
Annex	- to verify the genetic control of the protein(s) concerned; - to check whether the differentiation of bands and states (notes) is suitable in the context of the DUS examination; - to arrange a ring-test to assess reliability and reproducibility in relation to DUS testing *Leading Expert: Annex to be deleted to allow adoption of Test Guidelines by Technical Committee in 2009*

Mokara	**TG/MOKARA(proj.5)**

(a) Editorial amendments to document TG/MOKARA(proj.4), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/MOKARA(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

Char. 1	to delete "(natural leaf spread excluding inflorescence)"
Char. 21 etc.	to delete "version and" and move to Chapter 3.3.3"
Chars. 25, 26, etc.	to replace "edge" with "edging"
Char. 76	notes 1 and 2 to be formatted as non-bold font
8.1 (a)	2nd sentence to be moved to Ad. 6
8.1 (d)	to read "front (inner)" (see Ad. 12, 17)
8.2	for all explanations covering non-consecutive characteristics (e.g. Ad. 12, 16, 34, 52), to replace Ad. with note in Chapter 8.1
Ad. 39, 57, 74, 87, 100	to be combined as a note in Chapter 8.1

Ad. 100	to combine with Ad. 73, 101 and to indicate the upper and under side of column
TQ 4.3	to be deleted

(b) The Enlarged Editorial Committee, at its meeting on January 8, 2009, proposed that the following technical issues be referred back to the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees, for further consideration:

Chapter 1: to check whether the replace Chapter 1 with the following text: "These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Mokara* of the family *Orchidaceae*. The genus *Mokara* comprises combinations of *Arachnis*, *Ascocentrum* and *Vanda*.";
Chapters 1 and 8: to consider deletion of reference to GREX, because the GREX epithet is not part of the variety denomination. If it is useful to keep the GREX information, to base the explanation on the explanation in Chapter 6.4 of the Test Guidelines for Phalaenopsis (TG/213/1). In the Table of Characteristics, only the variety denomination should be presented. If appropriate, a table of the GREX epithet associated with each variety denomination could be provided in Chapter 8 and reference made to that table in Chapter 6.4;
Chapter 5.3 (e) to (i): to check whether to have the color groups provided in TQ 5;
Chars. 15, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 40, 43, 45, 47, 49, 58, 61, 63, 65, 67, 72, 75, 78, 80, 82, 84, 88, 91, 93, 95, 97, 101, 103: to check whether qualitative characteristics;
Chars. 22, 23, 40, 41, 58, 59, 75, 76, 88, 89, 101: to provide an explanation and illustration of shading and distribution of shading;
Chars. 25, 43, 61, 78, 91: to provide an explanation and illustration;
Chars. 36, 54, 55: to check whether to have notes (b) and (c);
Chapter 8.1 (c): to check whether to apply to shape also (e.g. Char. 20) and to clarify what is meant by the "unextended organ";
Chapter 8.2: to check the explanations to ensure that the illustrations are provided at the stage of development indicated in Chapter 8.1 (b);
Ad. 6: to check whether the illustration for state 7 is the maximum folding that can be found, in which case it should be an illustration for state 9;
TQ 6: to change to an example from TQ 5; and
TQ 9.3: to check whether to be deleted.

Nerium oleander L.	**TG/NERIUM(proj.5)**

(a) Changes to document TG/NERIUM(proj.4), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/NERIUM(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

Altern. names	to add "Rosa Laurel" (Spanish)
4.3.2	to replace "seed" with "plant"
Char. 8	to delete hyphen from "bluish-green"
Char. 9	to check whether QL (e.g. could be (QN): flat or slightly folded (1); moderately folded (2); strongly folded (3)) *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 11	to check whether QL

	Leading Expert: to be indicated as QN and to have the states: absent or slightly glossy (1) (example variety "Petite Red"); moderately glossy (2); very glossy (3)
Char. 16	to explain in Ad. 16 whether to be observed before swelling (if present), or not *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 17	- to delete brackets for consistency with Char. 18 - to replace "nearly white" with "whitish" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 18	- to add (+) with illustration or explanation *provided by Leading Expert* - to check whether QL *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 19	to add (+) with explanation of how to observe color of flower when there are petals with more than one color *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 26	to check whether to delete "of blade" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 27 to 29	to check whether to word as "Petal:" characteristics. *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 28	to check whether to delete Char. 28 and modify Char. 29 to read "Petal: secondary color of upper side" and state 1 to read "absent or very small" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 30	to check example variety 'Louis Pouget': according to Ad. 30 it is in state 3 and not in state 2. *Leading Expert: to amend example varieties according to Ad. 30*
Char. 31	to check whether QL *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 32	to check whether to read "Petal: color at base of lobe on outer side" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 32	to delete hyphen from "orange-yellow"
Chars. 37 to 39	to read "Corolline appenda**ge**: …"
Char. 38	to check whether state 3 should read "horizontal" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 40	to check whether to read "Corolla throat: main color …" and to add explanation that "main color" is the color with the largest surface area *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 42	to check whether to read "Corolla throat: distribution of secondary color of inner side" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 42	to reverse the order of states 2 and 3 *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 43	to read "Stame**n**: …"
Chars. 45, 46	to read "Sepa**l:** …"
Char. 47	to read "Pedice**l:** …"
Char. 50	to remove highlighting from notes

Char. 51	- to read "Fruit: curvature" - state 3 to read "sinuate" *Leading Expert: agreed*
8.1	- to check to which characteristics note (a) should apply in the Table of Chars. *Leading Expert: note (a) to be deleted* - second illustration: to check whether to delete "lobes" after "coralline appendages" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 25	- to explain "first crown" *provided by Leading Expert* - to provide illustration for petal shape for lobed variety (see Ad. 26, state 4) to demonstrate petal shape is observed as the shape in general outline)
Ad. 29	to delete "The area will not exceed 50 % of the surface area." *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 31	to add arrow indicating left side *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 36	to add an arrow to indicate petaloids *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 38	to replace illustrations with side-view to show attitude in profile *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 39	to enlarge part of photograph to better show laciniation *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 40, 41	to enlarge center of photograph to better show corolla throat *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 42	to enlarge center of photograph to better show corolline throat *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 43	to replace photographs with side-view to show extrusion in profile *provided by Leading Expert*
9.	to check second item (1991)
TQ 6	to read "Flower: color"

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Cover page	Spanish version: name of Test Guidelines to read "Adelfa"
Cover page: Altern. names	to amend spelling of "Baladre"
Char. 1	add (+) and provide illustration

Passion Fruit (Fruit species)	**TG/PASSI(proj.6)**

(a) Changes to document TG/PASSI(proj.5), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/PASSI(proj.6)), submitted to the TC:

5.3 (c)	to delete "main"
5.3	to check whether to add Char. 7 (TQ characteristic) and to check whether Char. 10 should be added as TQ characteristic *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 1, 8.1 (a)	to check whether to read "Plant: color of vine" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 3, 4	to delete "maximum"; if necessary, to add an explanation as Ad. 3, 4
Char. 6	to read "Leaf blade: intensity of green color" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 7	- to add (*) (TQ characteristic) *Leading Expert: agreed* - to check whether QL (previously QN) and to add (+) and provide illustration . If not clearly QL, to delete Char. 7 and add Char. 8, state 1, to read "absent or very weak *Leading Expert: no change (example varieties provided)*
Char. 16	to check whether QL (also no example variety) ; if not, to delete Char. 16 and to amend Char. 17 state 1 to read "absent or light" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 19, 21	to check example variety "Charité" = absent but medium intensity *Leading Expert: example variety "Charité" to be indicated as present in Char. 19*
Char. 20	to check whether 9 notes are too many *Leading Expert: no change*
Chars. 20, 21	to check whether "purple rings" should be plural *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 22	to add (+) (Ad. 22 is provided)
Char. 25	to check whether to have the states very elongated (1) to very compressed (9) (also requires inversion of scale) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 27	to check if true QL (no example variety for inconspicuous) and to provide explanation of conspicuousness (e.g. color contrast and/or size?) *Leading Expert: to be indicated as QN with the states: inconspicuous or weakly conspicuous (1) (example variety "Charité"); moderately conspicuous (2); very conspicuous (3) (example variety "Marianna")*
Chars. 28, 29	to check whether 9 notes are too many *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 30	- to check whether "foeniculum" is the correct term *Leading Expert: no change* - to delete "to" or replace with "or" (both states) *Leading Expert: to delete "to"*

Char. 32	- to check whether to read "Time of first harvest" *Leading Expert: agreed and explanation provided*
8.1 (a)	to become Ad. 1 *Leading Expert: agreed*
8.1 (d)	to define ripeness for eating *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 11	arrows to be repositioned and made clearer
Ad. 22	illustration to be improved *Leading Expert: no close-up photographs available*
Ad. 33	to define ripeness (see 8.1(d)) *provided by Leading Expert*
TQ 6	- paragraph to be presented in italics - to read: Fruit: color / dark purple / yellow
TQ 9.3	to check whether to be deleted *Leading Expert: no change*

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Chars. 7, 8	to check example variety "Charité" = absent but strong blistering
Char. 29	to read "Fruit: color of funiculus"
Ad. 29	to add an explanation that "the funiculus is the stalk attaching the ovule to the ovary wall in the fruit".
Ad. 11-Ad.17	arrows in both illustrations to be corrected

TG/PHLOX(proj.3)	**Phlox**

(a) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Cover page, Altern. names	- to delete row for *Phlox* L. - to add "Phlox" as French common name and "Staudenphlox" as German common for *Phlox paniculata* L.
5.3 (c)	to align with Table of Chars.
Char. 1	(*) to be added (grouping characteristic)
Char. 8	to have the states: towards apex (1); at middle (2); towards base (3)
Char. 9	state 2 to read "flat"
Char. 11	(*) to be added (grouping characteristic)
Char. 15	to be moved after Char. 19
Char. 23	to clarify whether the characteristic should be observed on the inner or outer side
Char. 26	state 1 to read "elliptic", state 2 to read "oblate" and state 4 to read "obdeltate"
Chars. 27, 29	(*) to be added (grouping characteristic)
Ad. 10	illustration for state 2 to be provided
TQ 4	to add "4.2 Other"

(b) The Enlarged Editorial Committee proposed that the Test Guidelines for Phlox be adopted subject to further asterisked characteristics being agreed by the TWO, either by correspondence or at its forty-second session.

Prunus padus L.	**TG/PRUNU_PAD (proj.4)**

(a) Changes to document TG/PRUNU_PAD (proj.3), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/PRUNU_PAD (proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

3.3.2, 6.5	to check whether to delete VS and add MG (see Char. 27) *Leading Expert: agreed*
4.2.2	to check whether to delete "of vegetatively propagated varieties," *Leading Expert: agreed*
5.2	to replace "," with ";"
6.5	to read "(a) to (d)"
Char. 8	to check whether to read "Young leaf: color of blade" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 9	- to check whether this is a useful characteristic and to check whether Heterophylla is a variety; if not, characteristic to be deleted - to check whether QL if characteristic is retained *Leading Expert: characteristic to be deleted*
Char. 10	to review underlined part according to consideration of Char. 9 *Leading Expert: underlined part to be deleted*
Char. 13	to read "Leaf blade: color of variegation on upper side" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 14	to read "Leaf blade: distribution of variegation on upper side" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 15	underlining to be deleted
Char. 16	underlining to be deleted
Char. 17	underlining to be deleted
Char. 17	to check whether QL *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 19	to check whether to have the states: upright (1); semi upright (2); drooping (3) *Leading Expert: no change*
Chars. 19, 20	to provide an explanation of whether the terminal or lateral inflorescence is to be observed *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 22	to delete note (d) or modify 8.1 (d) *Leading Expert: note (d) to be deleted*
Char. 27	- to check whether to be indicated as MG *Leading Expert: agreed* - to add (+) with explanation *provided by Leading Expert*

8.1 (c)	to check whether to delete "Mature" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 22	to check whether to delete "on the inflorescence"
9.	(Uusitalo) to check whether "SF" should be "FI" (i.e. Finland) *Leading Expert: agreed*

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Char. 10	to add "on upper side"
Char. 16	on the basis that the Leading Expert explained that the characteristic is a PQ characteristic, 3 states to be provided and to be indicated as PQ, or the characteristic to be deleted
Char. 20	to check whether to read "Inflorescence: density of florets"
Ad. 18	to delete the photographs and explanation to read "The general attitude of the lateral inflorescences should be observed"

Taro (Colocasia Schott)	**TG/TARO(proj.4)**

(a) Changes to document TG/TARO(proj.3), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/TARO(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Title	to check whether "Taro" is a common name that covers *Colocasia gigantean*. If not, to add "*Colocasia gigantea* …" to title, or change title to "Colocasia" *Leading Expert: to read "Colocasia"*
Altern. names	to add "Taro" (Spanish) for *Colocasia esculenta* (L.) Schott
2.2	to read "cormels" and "… 40 g"
Char. 1	to check if true QL *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 4	to check whether to delete "from corm" or to read "Corm: number of leaves" *Leading Expert: to read "Corm: number of leaves" and move after Char. 18*
Char. 5	to explain what is meant by "absolute" (in relation to petiole?), or to delete "absolute" *Leading Expert: to delete "absolute"*
Char. 7	to replace "wide" with "broad"
Char. 8	to check whether to have the states "moderately elongated" (3) to "moderately compressed" (7) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 11	to check whether to have notes 1, 2, 3 *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 13	- to check whether to read "Petiole: thickness" and to amend Ad. 13 to clarify

	- to check whether 9 notes are too many *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 15	- to check whether to read "Sheath: length" - to check whether to move to after 17. *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 14, 16, 17	- to check relationship between Char. 14 and Chars. 16 and 17 (part=side?) and keep together: to consider deleting Char. 14 – no additional information beyond Chars. 16 and17? *Leading Expert: Char. 14 to be deleted* - to check whether to add "excluding sheath" (see Char. 18) *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 18	- to check whether truly QL *Leading Expert: no change* - to check whether to read "Sheath: anthocyanin coloration" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 20	- to check if truly QL *Leading Expert: no change* - to check whether to read "Corm: adherence of primary cormels" *Leading Expert: agreed* - to add (+) with explanation *not provided by Leading Expert* - to add (*) (grouping characteristic) *Leading Expert: agreed* - to indicate method of observation *not provided by Leading Expert* - to check whether to add note (c) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 21	- (see above) to check whether to read "<u>Only varieties with corm: adherence of primary cormels: detachable from corm</u>: …" *Leading Expert: agreed* - to add (*) (grouping characteristic) and (+) - to provide example varieties *provided by Leading Expert* - to indicate method of observation *not provided by Leading Expert* - to check whether to add note (c) *Leading Expert: agreed* - to explain whether state 3 "clustered" relates to the number and density of secondary cormels rather than primary cormels *not provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 22	- to replace 3 spindle with fusiform - to check whether to change order to 3, 2, 4, 1 *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 23	- to check whether different from Char. 21 - to check whether "MS" to be deleted *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 25	- to check whether to be indicated as PQ - to check whether state 2 to read "ovate"

	Leading Expert: agreed
Char. 28	to add (+) and provide illustration *provided by Leading Expert*
8.1 (b)	- to check whether to be deleted (does not apply to any characteristics) *Leading Expert: agreed*
8.1 (d)	to check whether to be deleted *Leading Expert: agreed*
8.1 illustration	to check the term "seed" *Leading Expert: seed = mother plant / submitted cormel*
Ad. 2	illustrations for all states with the same petiole length *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 12 to 17	to check whether to delete Ad. 16, Ad. 17 *Leading Expert: no change*
9.	to check whether "1193" should be "1993" for Phillips *Leading Expert: agreed*
9.	to amend "UK" to "GB" (Larkom and Phillips)
TQ 5.1	to correct example variety for state 1
TQ 6	to be amended according to wording in Table of Chars. and TQ

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Table of Chars.	spelling of example varieties to be checked (e.g. Chars. 1 and 2: "Egu-imo")
Char. 8	to check whether to delete MS
Chars. 19, 20	to be indicated as VG
Char. 20	to check whether the state "clustered" refers to multiple rings of primary cormels
Char. 21	to move after Char. 18 and to have the states: fusiform (1); circular (2); cylindric (3); oblate (4)
Char. 24	to have the states: circular (1); obovate (2); shrimp-shape (3)
Char. 26	to move after Char. 24
8.1 (b)	to read "Corm, cormel: should be observed when the when the corm and cormels are fully developed."
Ad. 13, 14	to indicate where to observe Chars. 13 and 14
Ad. 19	to check whether to explain that the characteristic is observed as whether the primary cormels are readily detachable by hand

Yam (Dioscorea L.)	**TG/YAM(proj.4)**

(a) Changes to document TG/YAM(proj.3), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/YAM(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Char. 1	to check whether the characteristic is vigor (overall abundance of vegetative growth) or density of foliage (see Ad. 1)

	Leading Expert: Ad. 1 to be deleted
Order of Chars.	to check whether to move the stem and leaf characteristics (Chars. 14 to 26) after Char. 2. *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 3, 22, etc.	to check correct spelling of example variety "Nebarisuta(a)" (also in TQ 5) *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 5	- to check whether true QL *Leading Expert: to be indicated as PQ* - example varieties to be provided *provided by Leading Expert* - state 1 to read "circular" (plane shape) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 6	- to check whether to delete "Only varieties with tuber: shape in cross section: round:" (not appropriate to split characteristics by non-qualitative characteristics: Char. 5 does not appear to be a QL characteristic) *Leading Expert: no change* - to check whether to have states: linear (1); very narrow oblong (2 - old 3); narrow oblong (3 - old 2); very narrow elliptic (fusiform is three-dimensional shape) (4); circular (5); obtriangular (6) *Leading Expert: agreed* - example varieties to be provided (example varieties are provided in TQ 5.3) *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 7	to check whether to delete "Only varieties with tuber: shape in cross section: elliptic:" (not appropriate to split characteristics by non-qualitative characteristics: Char. 5 does not appear to be a QL characteristic) *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 7	- to check whether to replace "front view" with "longitudinal section" *Leading Expert: agreed* - to check whether true QL *Leading Expert: to be indicated as PQ* - example varieties to be provided *provided by Leading Expert* - state 1 to read "obtriangular" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 11	- to check whether to replace hardness with firmness - to check whether to add MG (hardness meter) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 12	to check whether to have the states: low (1); medium (2); high (3) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 13	to read "… browning of flesh…"
Char. 18	- to check whether QL *Leading Expert: to be indicated as PQ* - state 1 to read globose - state 2 to read "pyriform" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 19	to adjust position of note (b)
Char. 22	to check whether to have the states "elongated" (1) to "compressed" (3) *Leading Expert: agreed*

Char. 25	to check whether to read "concavity of margin" *Leading Expert: agreed*
8.1 (b)	to check whether to replace "on plant without leaves" with "(see Ad. 27)" *new explanation provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 5	- to check whether illustration for state 2 should be rotated 90º *Leading Expert: agreed* - to indicate point of attachment *not provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 13	to read "Only …"
Ad. 14	to check whether to read "The thickness of the stem should be observed on the main stem, around 30 cm above ground level." *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 20 etc.	to replace with photograph of leaf, or indicate position of petiole *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 27	to check whether tubers finish developing and whether all leaves need to have senesced (see 8.1(b)) *revised explanation provided by Leading Expert*
TQ 9.3	to check whether to be deleted

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Char. 3	to check whether to delete "MS"
Char. 5	to check whether to be indicated as "VG/MS"
Char. 6	to check whether to delete "MS"
Char. 7	3 states to be provided or characteristic to be deleted
Char. 13	to check whether to delete "MS"
Char. 18	to read "cross section"
Char. 19	- to read "Tuber: shape in longitudinal section" - to amend state 6 to read "narrow obtriangular" - to add states: broad obtriangular (7) (Fusaougi); hand-shaped (8) (Bussho-imo); irregular (9) (Ise-imo)
Char. 20	to be deleted
Char. 22	to delete "MS" (precise measurement not possible)
Char. 23	to read "Tuber: color of flesh"
Char. 24	- to be indicated as VG/MS - to read "Tuber: firmness of flesh" - state 3 to read "firm"
Ad. 27	to complete sentence in English

2. REVISIONS

Maize (Revision)	**TG/2/7 (proj.4)**

Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Cover page	to include “Corn” as English name
3.5.1, .2, .3	to delete “In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be 1.”
4.2	to number paragraphs 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3
Table of Chars.	to position the type of observation and type of expression according to document TGP/7/1
Table of Chars.	to order example varieties alphabetically
Char. 6	- to read “Leaf: curvature of blade” - state 1 to read “absent or very slightly recurved” - state 5 to read “moderately recurved”
Char. 13	- to read “Tassel: curvature of lateral branches” - state 1 to read “absent or very slightly recurved” - state 5 to read “moderately recurved”
Char. 32	to delete state 3 and add the indicate “(S)”
Char. 32	“Eolrukchal-itho” to read “Eolrukchal-ilho”
Char. 40	to be indicated as QN
Char. 41	add (+) with explanation “the anthocyanin coloration should be observed in the middle third of the uppermost cob, after the removal of some of the grains”
8.1	to read” “… (b) The observation should be made in the middle third of the main branch of the tassel. (c) The observation should be made on the second branch from the bottom of the tassel. (d) The observation should be made in the middle third of the uppermost ear, when well developed. (e) This characteristic may be influenced by cross-pollination. In particular in sweetcorn and popcorn varieties, cross-pollination should be avoided.”
Ad. 8	to read “The time of anthesis is when 50% of plants have anthers visible in the middle third of the main branch.”
Ad. 15	to read “The time of silk emergence is when silks have emerged on 50% of plants.”
Ad. 17	to read “The observation should be made when well-developed and fresh brace roots are present on 50% of plants.”
Ad. 32	to be deleted
Ad. 36	Table note 8: to delete notes under photos in German version
Ad. 40	to read “Ears should be stored for a minimum of 2 or 3 months after harvest before popping
Ad. 40	to delete reference to state 2
(8.3)	to add “8.3” before “Decimal Code for the Growth Stages” and add to table of contents
TQ 4.2	to read as below
TQ 7.3	To delete “varieties” in states 1 to 3

4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1[footnote] In the case of hybrid varieties the production scheme should be provided. This should provide details of all the parent lines required for propagating the hybrid e.g.

(a) Single Hybrid

(….....….) x (….....….)
female parent line male parent line

(b) Three-Way Hybrid

single hybrid (below) used as female parent x (….....….)
male parent line
or (…….....….) x single hybrid (below) used as male parent
female parent line

(….....….) x (….....….)
female parent line male parent line
single hybrid

(c) Double Hybrid

(….....….) x (….....….)
female parent line male parent line
single hybrid used as female parent

(….....….) x (….....….)
female parent line male parent line
single hybrid used as male parent

(single hybrid used as female parent) x (single hybrid used as male parent)

and should identify in particular:

(i) any male sterile female parent lines

……

(ii) maintenance system of male sterile female parent lines

……

[footnote] Authorities may choose to request this information

4.2.2	Open-pollinated variety (please provide details) …… 4.2.3 Other (please provide details) ……

Annex (Table of contents)	to read: "Part II Characteristics derived by Isozyme Polyphormism"
Header, Char. 42	to read as follows:

	Characteristics		Example varieties	Note
42. **QL**	***Allele expression at locus Mdh 1***	Genotype 1/1 Genotype 0.5/0.5 Genotype 0.5/1 Genotype 1/6 in interaction with allele 6 of Mdh 2 Genotype ~~0.5/1~~ 0.5/6 in interaction with allele 6 of Mdh 2	F252 R3126 KW 5361 xKW 5454 Tau ~~Tau~~ Clarica ~~Clarica~~	1
		Genotype 6/6	A239	2
		Genotype 1/6 but not in interaction with allele 6 of Mdh 2 Genotype 0.5/6 but not in interaction with allele 6 of Mdh 2	Marshall DK231	3
43. **QL**	***Allele expression at locus Mdh 2***	Genotype 3/3 Genotype 3.5/3.5 Genotype 3/3.5 Genotype 3/4.5 Genotype 3.5/4.5	F252 R3126 Limit, DK 231 Robin	1
		Genotype 4.5/4.5	W401	2
		Genotype 6/6	A239	3
		Genotype 3/6 Genotype 3.5/6	Azur Clarica	4
		Genotype 4.5/6		5
44. **QL**	***Allele expression at locus Mdh 3***	Genotype 16/16	F252	1
		Genotype 18/18	~~Co 158~~ CO 158	2
		Genotype 16/18	Figaro	3

	Characteristics		Example varieties	Note
45.	***Allele expression at locus Mmm***	Genotype M/M Genotype M/m	F252	1
QL		Genotype m/m	86 N 42	2
46.	***Allele expression at loci Mdh 4 + Mdh 5***	Genotype 12/12 +12/12	F252	1
QL		Genotype 12/12 + 15/15 Genotype 12/12 + 12/15	F2 Robin	2
47.	***Allele expression at loci Idh1 + Idh 2***	Genotype 4/4 + 4/4 Genotype 4/6 + 4/4	A239	1
QL		Genotype 4/4 + 6/6	CM7	2
		Genotype 6/6 + 4/4	F1110	3
		Genotype 6/6 + 6/6 ~~Genotype 6/6 + 4/6~~ Genotype 4/6 + 6/6	~~Co158~~ CO 158 Bonny	4
		Genotype 4/4 + 4/6 Genotype 4/6 + 4/6	Axon Loft	5
		Genotype 6/6 + 4/6		6
48.	***Allele expression at loci Pgd 1 + Pgd2***	Genotype 2/2 + 5/5	W401	1
QL		Genotype 2/2 + 2.8/2.8 Genotype 2/2 + n/n	SK 203	2
		Genotype 3.8/3.8 + 2.8/2.8 Génotype 3.8/3.8 +n/n	A632	3
		Genotype 3.8/3.8 + 5/5 Genotype 3.8/3.8 + 2.8/5 Genotype n/3.8 + 5/5	F252 Tekila	4
		Genotype n/n + 5/5	H108	5
		Genotype 2/3.8 + 5/5 Genotype 2/3.8 + 2.8/5	Bekefix Furio	6
		Genotype 2/2 + 2.8/5	NX 6032	7

	Characteristics		Example varieties	Note
49.1, 49.2	to be replaced by new Char. 49 as follows:			
49.	**Allele expression at loci Pgm 1 + Pgm2**	Genotype 9/9 + 1/1	F 2	1
		Genotype 9/9 + 1/3	Robin	2
PQ		Genotype 9/9 + 3/3	F 16	3
		Genotype 9/9 + 3/4	Figaro	4
		Genotype 9/9 + 4/4	A 632	5
		Genotype 9/9 + 1/4	Axon	6
		Genotype 9/9 + 8/8	MO 17	7
		Genotype 9/9 + 3/8		8
		Genotype 9/9 + 4/8	Occitan	9
		Genotype 9/9 + 1/8		10
		Genotype 16/16 + 1/1		11
		Genotype 16/16 + 1/3		12
		Genotype 16/16 + 3/3	9034	13
		Genotype 16/16 + 4/4		14
		Genotype 16/16 + 8/8	F 492	15
		Genotype 5/5+3/3	D 06	16
50.	***Allele expression at locus***	Genotype 4/4	A239	1
QL	***Pgi 1***	Genotype 5/5	A632	2
		Genotype 4/5	Artist	3

	Characteristics		Example varieties	Note
51.1, 51.2	to be replaced by new Char. 51 as follows:			
51.	**Allele expression at locus Acp1**	Genotype 2/2	F 2	1
		Genotype 2/3	Azur	2
PQ		Genotype 3/3	A 239	3
		Genotype 4/6	Contessa	4
		Genotype 4/4	A 632	5
		Genotype 6/6	F1444	6
		Genotype 2/4	Occitan	7
		Genotype 2/6		8
		Genotype 3/4	Marshall	9
		Genotype 3/6		10
52.	***Allele expression at locus Dia 1***	Genotype 8/8	F2	1
QL		Genotype 12/12	~~Co158~~ CO 158	2
		Genotype 8/12	Bastion	3
53.	***Allele expression at locus Dia2***	Genotype 4/4	F2	1
QL		Genotype 6/6	34 M838	2
		Genotype 4/6	31 N26	3
54.	***Allele expression at locus Adh 1***	Genotype 4/4	F 1444	1
QL		Genotype 6/6	F 2	2
		Genotype 4/6	Bristol	3

Annex III	title to read “Description of the SGE Method for the Analysis of Isozymes from Zea mays L.”
Annex 6.4.3 and 6.6.3	to delete reference to example varieties
Annex 6.6.3	to add “Combinations indicated with “+”can be clearly separated. In general, combinations indicated with “-“cannot be separated. The notes within grey zones should not be used without knowledge of the parent formula.”

Pea (Revision)	**TG/7/10 (proj.6)**

(a) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

6.5	to read "(a) to (d)"
Char. 4	"MG" to be deleted
Char. 41	to read "Only varieties with Pod: thickened wall: absent: Pod: shape of distal part"
Char. 43	to delete hyphen from "blue-green"
Char. 45	to read "Excluding varieties with pod parchment: entire: …"
Char. 51	to read "Only varieties with seed: type of starch grain: compound…"
Ad. 3	second sentence to be deleted
Ad. 22, 23	position of lines to be corrected
Ad. 27	comma after "opened" to be deleted
Ad. 47	to read "Immature seed color in some varieties with green cotyledons may appear creamy white before the seed is fully developed. Observations should be made on fully-developed, fresh seed in a side-by-side comparison with example varieties."
Ad. 59	to read: er1 er2 = resistant Er1 Er2 = susceptible Er1 er2 = susceptible er1 Er2 = susceptible
9.	- Biddle: to amend "UK" to "GB" - Wellensiek: reference to be deleted - to check formatting of all references
TQ 5.9	to correct spelling of "Bohatyr"

(b) On the basis of the background information provided by the Leading Expert, the Enlarged Editorial Committee proposed that the TWV review the states of expression for Char. 47 "Immature seed: intensity of green color" as a part of any future revision of the Test Guidelines.

Zonal Pelargonium (Revision)	**TG/28/9(proj.4)**

(a) Changes to document TG/28/9(proj.3), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/28/9(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Table of Contents	Chapter 7 heading to be added
1.	to read "(syn *Pelargonium* ×*hortorum* L. H. Bailey)"
2.2	to read "The material is to be supplied in the form of well-rooted cuttings that have not been pinched, or seeds." *Leading Expert: agreed*

2.4	to check whether to delete ", especially any bacteria or virus infection" *Leading Expert: agreed*
4.2	to check whether experience for all variety types *Leading Expert: modified text provided*
Chars. 2, 3, 4, 15	to read "Only varieties with growth type: …"
Char. 5	- to check whether to add "(excluding anthocyanin coloration)" *Leading Expert: agreed* - to check whether there are varieties where only red coloration is present, i.e. to check if necessary to add state for not visible for Char. 5 *Leading Expert: no change*
Char. 6	state 1 to read "absent or very weak" (state 2 = weak)
Char. 14	to add example variety 'Penevro' to indicate that secondary color could be the color of the variegation (see Char. 12) and to add explanation to that effect as (+) *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 20	to replace "on" with "of"
Char. 20	example varieties to be provided (* characteristic) *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 30	to check whether state 5 should read "moderately overlapping" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 40	to check whether to read "Upper petal: margin at apex" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Chars. 41 to 59	to check whether note (c) means "Only varieties with flower: irregularly distributed stripes or blotches: absent" (see Char. 33) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 43	to check whether to delete (+) (no explanation provided) *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 57	to check whether to add (+) and add to Ad. 41, etc. *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 60	to add note (c) (Leading Expert)
Ad. 9	to check whether the range of illustrations is appropriate for states 7 and 9 (not illustrated) and evenly proportioned *new illustration provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 13	to refer to Ad. 16 for explanation of zone *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 16	to indicate the zone *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 17	to check whether to explain that the middle of the zone must be taken as a reference to state the position *Leading Expert: agreed*
Ad. 21	to check whether the height should include the unopened flower at the bottom of the inflorescence *Leading Expert: no change*
Ad. 23	to check whether to clarify to be observed at full flowering (see Chapters 3.3. & 8.1) *Leading Expert: no change*
Ad. 34	to check whether to add "excluding irregularly distributed stripes and

	blotches" *Leading Expert: agreed*
TQ 5.2	to be corrected according to Char. 13 (e.g. state 8 and example variety state 5)

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Char. 24	to add (+) and provide illustration

Cauliflower (Revision)	**TG/45/7(proj.5)**

(a) Changes to document TG/45/7(proj.4), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2009, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/45/7(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

Cover page: table	to read "*Brassica oleracea* L. convar *botrytis* (L.) Alef."
Char. 3	to check whether to delete "Outer" *Leading Expert: agreed*
Char. 5	example varieties for state 7 to be checked (see "+") *provided by Leading Expert*
Char. 7	state 3 to have non-bold format
Char. 20	to read "Excluding varieties with curd shape: triangular: …"
8.1 (b)	to delete "," (comma) after "developed"
Ad. 19, 20	to add a separate illustration for state "triangular" (not in table) *not provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 19	to check whether it would improve the explanation by indicating that the doming is linked to the angle with the stem *provided by Leading Expert*
Ad. 28	- to clarify what is meant by "open" varieties (state 1) - to provide an explanation of the method to observe the characteristic and the states of expression *provided by Leading Expert*
9.	to replace "Fujime, Yukihiro," with "Fujime, Y.,"
TQ header	text to be in italics
TQ 5.3	state 4 to read "green"
TQ 7.2	to be updated according current format

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Char. 28	to be indicated as QN
Ad. 19, 20	to add an illustration for state "triangular" (to be provided separately from the grid of shapes)

3. PARTIAL REVISIONS

Pumpkin (Partial revision)	**TG/155/4**

Changes proposed with respect to document TC/45/2 by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in March 2009:

Char. 15	to read “Fruit: shape”

[End of Annex II and of document]