

Technical Committee

TC/57/1

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Outcome of the consideration of documents by correspondence (document TC/57/14)
4. Report by the Vice Secretary-General on developments in UPOV (document TC/57/INF/8)
5. 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) (documents TC/57/INF/9, BMT/20/[xx], TWA/50/[xx], TWC/39/[xx], TWF/52/[xx], TWO/53/[xx], TWV/55/16 and oral reports by the Chairpersons)
6. Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties (document TC/57/3)
7. Development of guidance and information materials
 - 7.1 Matters for adoption by the Council in 2021 (document TC/57/4)*

Information documents:

UPOV/INF/16	Exchangeable Software (Revision) (document UPOV/INF/16/10 Draft 1)*
UPOV/INF/17	Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction ("BMT Guidelines") (Revision) (document UPOV/INF/17/2 Draft 6)*
UPOV/INF/22	Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union (Revision) (document UPOV/INF/22/8 Draft 1)*
UPOV/INF/23	UPOV Code System (document UPOV/INF/23/1 Draft 3)*
 - 7.2 Possible future revisions of guidance and information materials (document TC/57/5)
 - (a) Information document:

Exchange and use of software and equipment (document TC/57/5)

The session will be held by electronic means on Monday, October 25, 2021, from 12:00 to 15:00 (Geneva time) without interruption and Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 12:00 to 16:30 (Geneva time) with a break between 14:30 and 16:00 00 to prepare the report of the session.

Documents marked with an asterisk (*) are to be considered by correspondence in accordance with the procedure approved by the Council on May 12, 2021 (see UPOV Circular E-21/063).

(b) TGP documents:

TGP/5 Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing

Section 6: UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description (Revision) (document TC/57/5)

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

(i) Data Processing for the Production of Variety Descriptions for Measured Quantitative Characteristics (document TC/57/6)

(ii) The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document TC/57/7)

8. Molecular techniques (document TC/57/8)*

9. Cooperation in examination (document TC/57/9)

10. Increasing participation in the work of the TC and the TWP (document TC/57/10)

11. Information and databases

(a) UPOV information databases (document TC/57/11)

(b) Web-based TG template (document TC/57/12)

12. Preparatory workshops (document TC/57/13)*

13. Discussion on minimum distances between varieties

14. Matters for information¹:

(a) List of genera and species for which authorities have practical experience in the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (document TC/57/INF/4)

(b) UPOV information databases (document TC/57/INF/3)

(c) UPOV PRISMA (document TC/57/INF/2)

(d) Variety description databases (document TC/57/INF/5)

(e) Molecular techniques (document TC/57/INF/6)

(f) Variety denominations (document TC/57/INF/7)

15. Test Guidelines (documents TC/57/2 and TC/57/[xx])

16. Program for the fifty-eighth session

17. Adoption of the report (if time permits)

18. Closing of the session

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¹ Document TC/57/INF/1 will contain the list of persons registered in advance for the session. The final list of persons who attended the session will be published as an annex to the adopted report of the session.