Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC)

Thirty-first Session

PREPARATORY WORKSHOP

Seoul, Republic of Korea June 3, 2013

PROGRAM

- 1. Introduction to UPOV and the role of UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
- 2. Overview of DUS Trials and Test Guidelines
 - a) Method of observation and types of record (MS, MG, VS, VG);
 - b) Types of expression (QL, PQ, QN) and types of scales of data
- 3. Methods used for DUS data analysis and development of variety descriptions
 - a) Methods of management used in the DUS examination for transformation of observations and measurements into notes for distinctness for variety descriptions [presentations by Japan and Korea]
 - b) Methods used for DUS trial design and data analysis [presentations by France and United Kingdom]
- 4. Image analysis
- 5. UPOV Website
- 6. Agenda for the TWC Session
- 7. Feedback from participants

1. INTRODUCTION TO UPOV AND THE ROLE OF UPOV TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIES (TWPs)

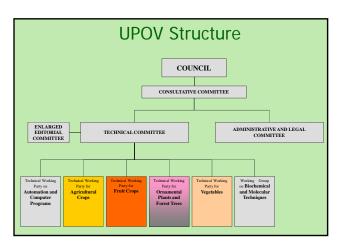
UPOV: INDEPENDENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

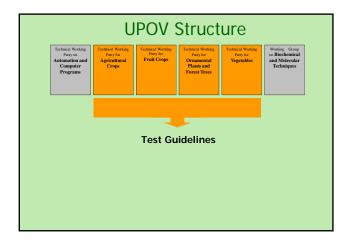
The International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants established in 1961

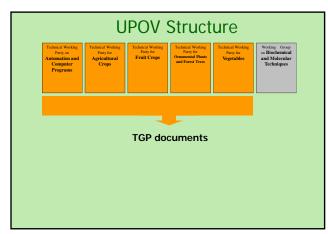
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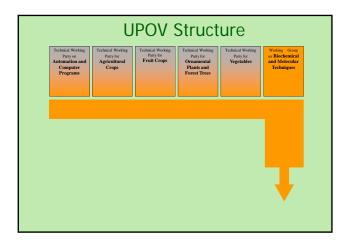
Union internationale pour la protection des obtentions végétales





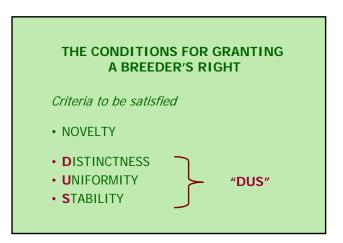






Role of the BMT The BMT is a group open to DUS experts, biochemical and molecular specialists and plant breeders, whose role is to: Review general developments in biochemical and molecular techniques; (ii) Maintain an awareness of relevant applications of biochemical and molecular techniques in plant breeding; Consider the possible application of biochemical and molecular (iii) techniques in DUS testing and report its considerations to the TC; If appropriate, establish guidelines for biochemical and molecular methodologies and their harmonization [...]; Consider initiatives from TWPs, for the establishment of crop (v) specific subgroups [...]; Develop guidelines regarding the management and harmonization of databases of biochemical and molecular information, in conjunction with the TWC: Receive reports from Crop Subgroups and the BMT Review Group; Provide a forum for discussion on the use of biochemical and molecular techniques in the consideration of essential derivation and variety identification.

2. OVERVIEW OF DUS TRIALS AND TEST GUIDELINES (TGs) (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)



THE CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING A BREEDER'S RIGHT

Other conditions

- VARIETY DENOMINATION
- FORMALITIES
- PAYMENT OF FEES

NO OTHER CONDITIONS!

Guidance for DUS Examination

facilitates:

BEST PRACTICE (based on experience)

- => good decisions
- => good definition of the object of protection (strong protection)
- => efficiency in method of examination (learn from the best)

HARMONIZATION

- => efficiency
 - mutual acceptance of DUS reports (minimize cost of examination for individual authorities)
 - mutual recognition of variety descriptions (all parties speak the same "language")
 - simple and cheap system for applicants (minimize cost for breeders)

UPOV provides guidance by:

- The "General Introduction" (TG/1/3)
 - General technical principles
 - Organization of DUS Testing
 - Associated "TGP" Documents (e.g. statistical methods)



	TG/1/3 General Introduction	
	"Associated" TGP Documents	
Ref.	Title	
TG/00	List of TGP Documents and Latest Issue Dates	
TGP/1	General Introduction With Explanations	
TGP/2	List of Test Guidelines Adopted by UPOV	
TGP/3	Varieties of Common Knowledge	
TGP/4	Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections	
TGP/5	Experience and Cooperation in DUS testing	
TGP/6	Arrangements for DUS testing	
TGP/7	Development of Test Guidelines	
TGP/8	Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of DUS	
TGP/9	Examining Distinctness	
TGP/10	Examining Uniformity	
TGP/11	Examining Stability	
TGP/12	Special Characteristics	
TGP/13	Guidance for New Types and Species	
TGP/14	Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents	
TGP/15	Guidance on the Use of Biochemical and Molecular Markers in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS)	

"CHARACTERISTICS"

- may have direct commercial relevance
 - Flower color (ornamental)
 - Fruit color
- but commercial relevance NOT required
 - Leaf shape

Selection of Characteristics

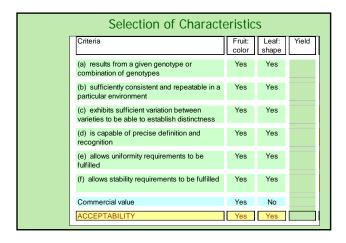
The basic requirements that a characteristic should fulfill before it is used for DUS testing or producing a variety description are that its expression (TG/1/3: Section 4.2.1) :

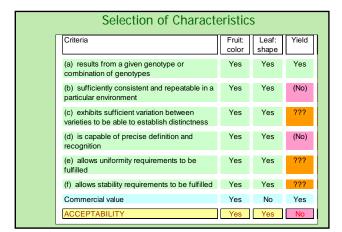
- (a) results from a given genotype or combination of genotypes;
- (b) is sufficiently consistent and repeatable in a particular environment;
- (c) exhibits sufficient **variation between varieties** to be able to establish distinctness;
- (d) is capable of precise definition and recognition;
- (e) allows **uniformity requirements** to be fulfilled;
- (f) allows **stability requirements** to be fulfilled, meaning that it produces consistent and repeatable results after repeated propagation or, where appropriate, at the end of each cycle of propagation.

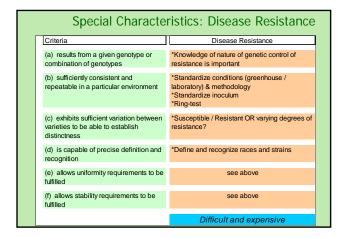
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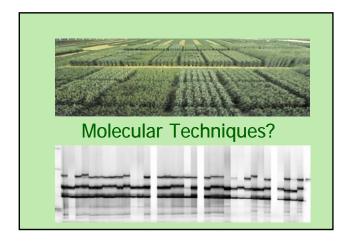
- Yield ???
- · Straw strength ???

Etc.

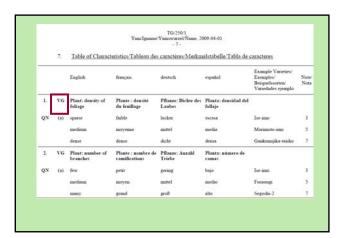








a) Method of observation and types of records (MS, MG, VS, VG)



Method of Observation

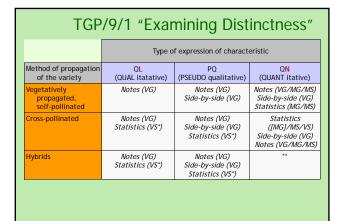
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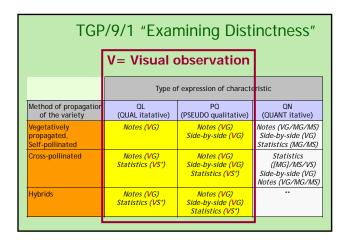
an objective observation against a calibrated, linear scale e.g. using a ruler, weighing scales, colorimeter, dates, counts, etc.);

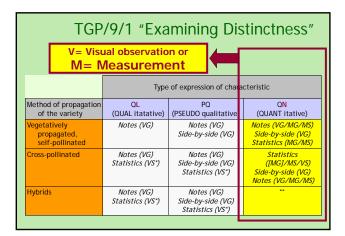
V: Visual observation:

includes observations where the expert uses reference points (e.g. diagrams, example varieties, side-by-side comparison) or non-linear charts (e.g. color charts).

"Visual" observation refers to the sensory observations of the expert and, therefore, also includes smell, taste and touch.





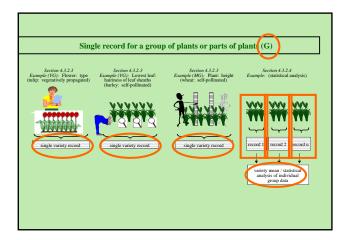


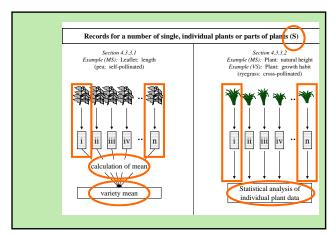
Type of Record (for the purposes of distinctness)

single record for a variety, or a GROUP of plants or parts of plants;

In most cases, "G" provides a single record per variety and it is not possible or necessary to apply statistical methods in a plant-by-plant analysis for the assessment of distinctness.

<u>S</u>: records for a number of SINGLE, individual plants or parts of plants ...





EXERCISE

b) Types of expression of characteristics (QL, PQ, QN) and types of scales of data

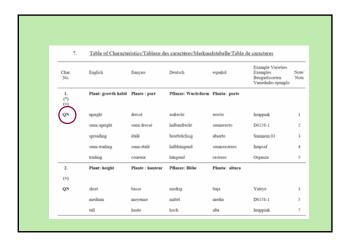
TYPES OF EXPRESSION OF CHARACTERISTICS (QL, QN, PQ)

Types of Expression

QL: QUALITATIVE

QN: QUANTITATIVE

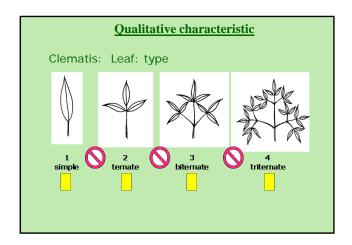
PQ: PSEUDO-QUALITATIVE

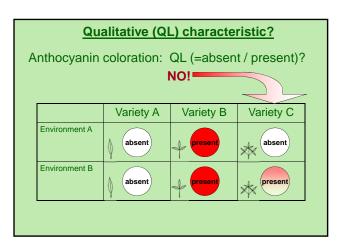


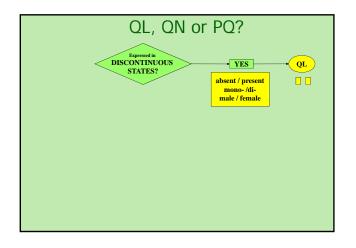


"Qualitative characteristics" are those that are **expressed in discontinuous states** (e.g. sex of plant: dioecious female (1), dioecious male (2), monoecious unisexual (3), monoecious hermaphrodite (4)).

These states are self-explanatory and independently meaningful. All states are necessary to describe the full range of the characteristic, and every form of expression can be described by a single state. The order of states is not important. As a rule, the **characteristics are not influenced by environment**.

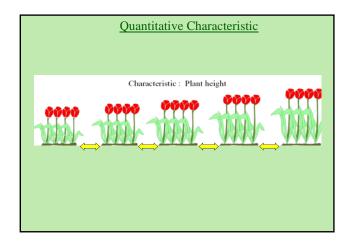


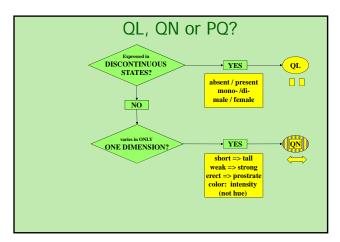




QUANTITATIVE Characteristics

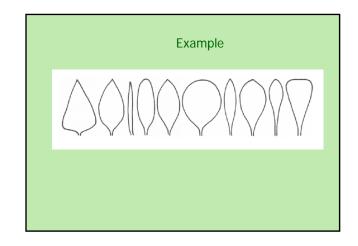
"Quantitative characteristics" are those where the expression covers the full range of variation from one extreme to the other. The expression can be recorded on a one-dimensional, continuous or discrete, linear scale. The range of expression is divided into a number of states for the purpose of description (e.g. length of stem: very short (1), short (3), medium (5), long (7), very long (9)). The division seeks to provide, as far as is practical, an even distribution across the scale. The Test Guidelines do not specify the difference needed for distinctness. The states of expression should, however, be meaningful for DUS assessment.

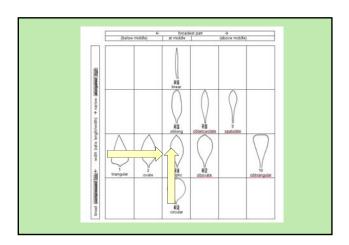


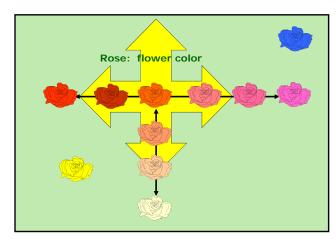


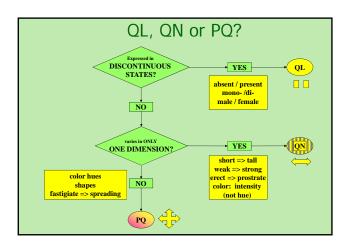


In the case of "pseudo-qualitative characteristics," the **range of expression is at least partly continuous, but varies in more than one dimension** (e.g. shape: ovate (1), elliptic (2), circular (3), obovate (4)) and cannot be adequately described by just defining two ends of a linear range. In a similar way to qualitative (discontinuous) characteristics – hence the term "pseudo-qualitative" – each individual state of expression needs to be identified to adequately describe the range of the characteristic.



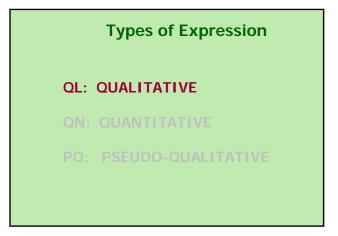


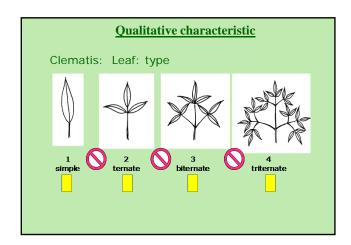


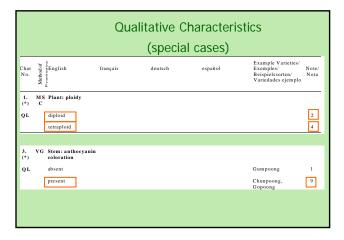




Types of scales of data (QL, PQ, QN)







Qualitative Characteristics: **distinctness**

In qualitative characteristics, the difference between two varieties may be considered clear if one or more characteristics have expressions that fall into **two different states in the Test Guidelines**. Varieties should not be considered distinct for a qualitative characteristic if they have the same state of expression.

(e.g. sex of plant: dioecious female (1), dioecious male (2), monoecious unisexual (3), monoecious hermaphrodite (4)).

Types of Expression

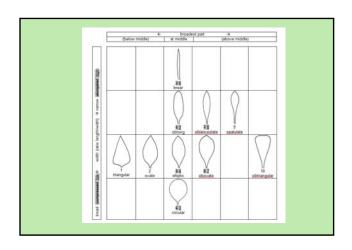
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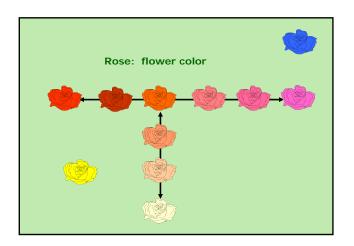
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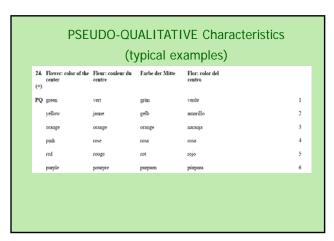
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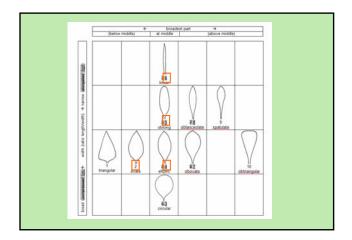






Pseudo-Qualitative Characteristics: distinctness

A different state in the Test Guidelines may not be sufficient to establish distinctness (see also section 5.5.2.3). However, in certain circumstances, varieties described by the same state of expression may be clearly distinguishable.



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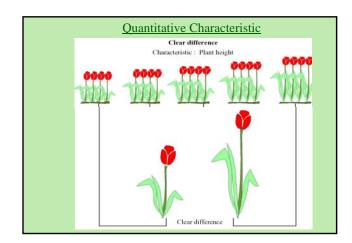
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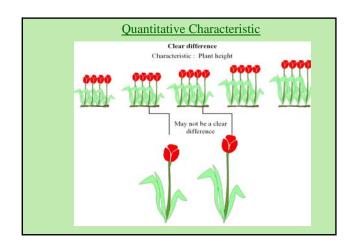
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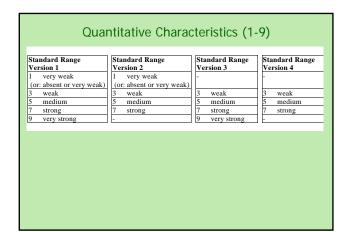
Quantitative Characteristics: distinctness

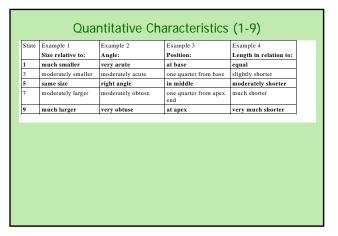
Quantitative characteristics are considered for distinctness according to the method of observation and the features of propagation of the variety concerned...











analysis and development of variety description

Presentations by experts from:

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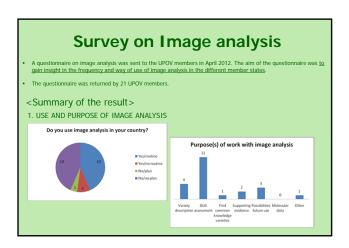
Japan

United Kingdom

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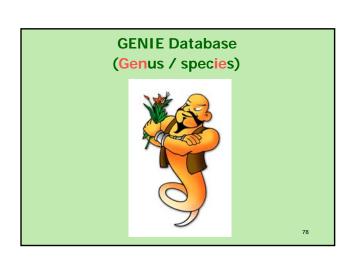
3. Methods used for DUS data

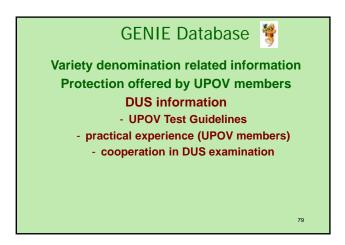
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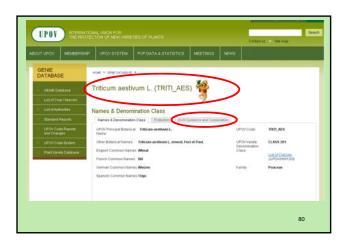




5. The UPOV Website Overview on: - GENIE Database - PLUTO Database - Other available resources



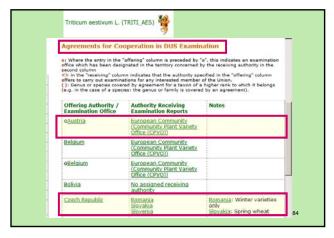




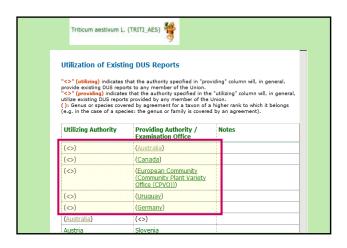






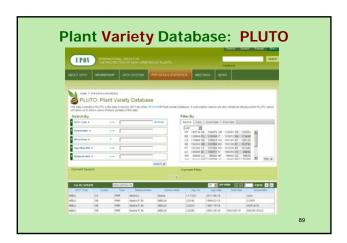


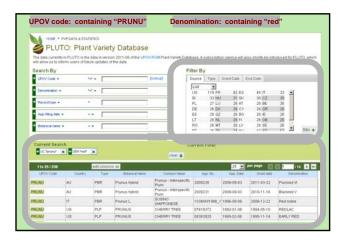


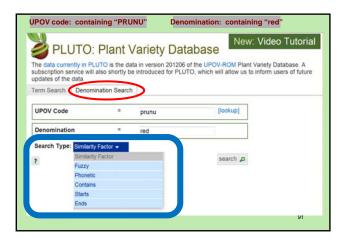


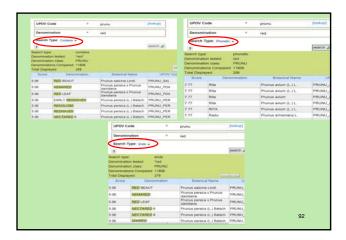


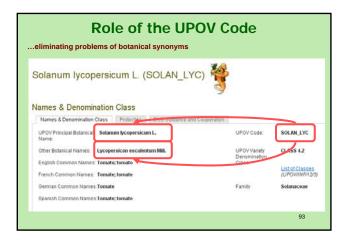


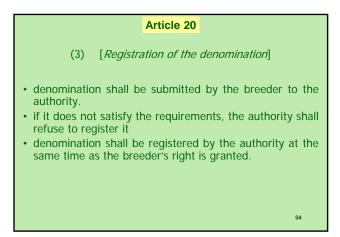


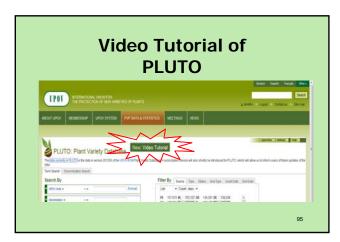
















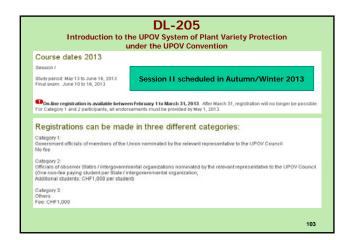














6. Agenda for the 31st session of the TWC



EXCHANGING INFORMATION



7. FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

From TC/49/10:

<u>Survey to seek views on improving the</u> <u>effectiveness of the Preparatory Workshops</u>

10. In conjunction with the survey of participants at the TWP session in 2013 (see document TC/49/3 "Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties") it is proposed to conduct a survey of participants in the preparatory workshop in 2013, with a view to seeking improvements to the effectiveness of the Preparatory Workshops

[See document TC/49/41 Report on Conclusions, paragraph 21]

THANK YOU