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1. Opening of the session

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Short reports on developments in plant variety protection

(a) Reports from members and observers (document TWC/34/25)

(b) Reports on developments within UPOV (document TWC/34/16)

4. Molecular techniques (documents TWC/34/2)

5. TGP documents (document TWC/34/3)

TGP/7: Development of Test Guidelines

*Revision of document TGP/7*: Drafter’s Kit for Test Guidelines (document TWC/34/9)

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

*Revision of document TGP/8:* Part II: Section 9: the Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document TWC/34/10)

*Revision of document TGP/8:* Part II*:* New Section: Examining DUS in Bulk Samples (document TWC/34/11)

*Revision of document TGP/8*: Part II: New Section: Data Processing for the Assessment of Distinctness and for Producing Variety Descriptions (document TWC/34/12)

TGP/10: Examining Uniformity

*Revision of document TGP/10:* New Section:Assessing uniformity by off-types on basis of more than one growing cycle or on the basis of sub-samples (document TWC/34/13)

6. Information and databases

(a) UPOV information databases (document TWC/34/5)

(b) Variety description databases (documents TWC/34/6 and TWC/34/22)

(c) Exchange and use of software and equipment (document TWC/34/7)

(d) Electronic application systems (document TWC/34/26)

(e) Management of large databases (oral presentation)

(f) Bio-informatics (document TWC/34/24)

7. Variety denominations (document TWC/34/4)

8. Experience with new types and species (oral reports invited)

9. Uniformity assessment by off-types

(a) Uniformity assessment by off-types (document TWC/34/13)

(b) Practical experience of uniformity by off-types on oilseed rape and cauliflower (document TWC/34/27)

10. Statistical methods

(a) Statistical methods used in the DUSTC software package (document TWC/34/31)

(b) Statistical methods for visually observed characteristics (document TWC/34/18)

(c) Excluding varieties of common knowledge from the second growing cycle when COYD is used (documents TWC/34/8 and TWC/34/8 Add.)

11. Software for DUS examination

(a) A tool to define reference collection (document TWC/34/28)

(b) A single tool for DUS computation process (document TWC/34/29)

(c) A ring-test comparing three different software packages for COYD (document TWC/34/30)

12. Image analysis

(a) Demonstration of Chinese software on image analysis (document TWC/34/32)

(b) Search for reference varieties in a photo database (document TWC/34/20)

13. Minimizing variation between observers (document TWC/34/19)

14. Genotype-by-environment interaction, DUS tests and data transformation into notes (document TWC/34/17)

15. Matters concerning variety descriptions (document TWC/34/14)

16. Number of growing cycles in DUS examination (documents TWC/34/15 and TWC/34/21)

17. Proposal to the “Guide to the UPOV Code System” on the Principal Botanical Name for Inter-generic and Interspecific Hybrids (document TWC/34/23)

18. Date and place of the next session

19. Future program

20. Report on the session (if time permits)

21. Closing of the session

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