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TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR FRUIT CROPS**Forty-Fifth Session****Marrakesh, Morocco, from May 26 to 30, 2014****HARMONIZED EXAMPLE VARIETIES FOR APPLE:
HISTORICAL DATA AND POSSIBLE NEW DEVELOPMENTS***Document prepared by Germany and New Zealand*

1. The TWF, at its forty-fourth session, proposed that a suitable agenda item be added to the program of its forty-fifth session, under which the following items would be discussed (see document TWF/44/31 "Report", paragraph 107):

- (a) Management of reference collections for DUS examination (documents to be prepared by France and the European Union)
- (b) Duration of DUS tests in the fruit sector (document to be prepared by the European Union)
- (c) Harmonized example varieties for Apple: historical data and possible new developments (documents to be prepared by Germany, New Zealand and the Office of the Union)

2. The annex to this document presents items for consideration by the TWF, prepared by the expert from Germany and New Zealand, in relation to harmonized example varieties for Apple: historical data and possible new developments.

[Annex follows]

HARMONIZED VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS FOR APPLE



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ORIGINAL PROJECT

- Objective was to compare descriptions for an agreed list of varieties from multiple territories
- Part of a wider UPOV project on the publication and usage of variety descriptions (see TC/38/10)
- Managed by the TWF (see TWF/35/4)
- Coordinated by expert from UK; 13 participating countries
- Carried out from 2003 until 2005

VARIETIES

- Sciros
- Scigold
- Tenroy (Royal Gala)
- Pinova (Corail)
- Lochbuie Red Braeburn
- Honeycrisp (Minnesota Crunch)
- Lena
- Jonagored
- Hidala (Hillwell)
- Caudle (Cameo)

OUTCOMES and PROBLEMS

Data was collected together by the project coordinator

- Descriptions supplied did not all follow a standard list of characteristics
- QL characteristics were consistent across all descriptions
- Different degrees of variation across a single characteristic was observed, dependent on the characteristic itself
- Further assessment of the variation was worth considering
- A report is available in TWF/35/11

Further work did not proceed

Which brings us to now.....
and where to?



FUTURE OPTIONS

Complete the original project using the same

varieties

OR

Start again with more modern varieties and

descriptions from TG/14/9

OR

Something else????

Possible New Objectives

1. Review of TG/14/9 2005 for asterisk characteristics and example varieties
2. Overall review of existing characteristics
3. To increase understanding of the environmental influence on TG characteristics
4. To harmonize the common use of the TG among member states
5. ??????????????