

Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops**TWF/51/2****Fifty-First Session
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REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UPOV*Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation on “Reports on Developments within UPOV” to be made by the Office of the Union at the fifty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF).

[Annex follows]

Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops
Fifty-first Session

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Office of the Union

Hosted by France, July 6 to 10, 2020

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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COVID-19 measures

UPOV services continuing; remote work prioritized

- Remote **working arrangements** for the majority of the staff of the Office of the Union
- All **official travel** of the staff of the Office of the Union has been suspended until further notice

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COVID-19 measures

Technical Working Parties

In order to continue the work of UPOV's Technical Working Parties (TWP) in the context of the COVID-19 situation, the following TWP sessions were successfully organized by electronic means:

- Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), hosted by Brazil, from May 11 to 15;
- Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), hosted by the Netherlands, from June 8 to 12;
- Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA), hosted by Canada, from June 22 to 26;

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Technical Working Parties (cont'd)

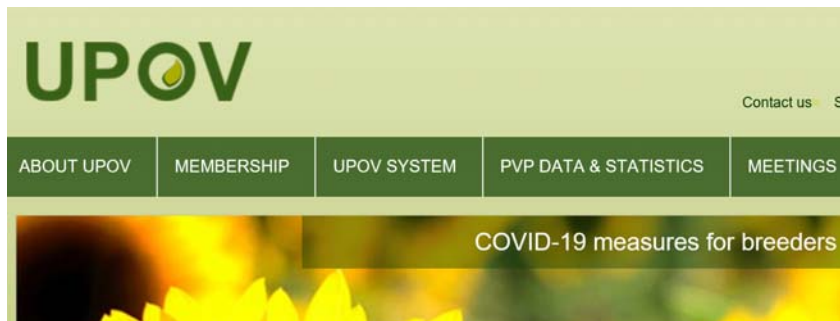
The following TWP's are also planned to be organized by electronic means:

- Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), hosted by France, from July 6 to 10;
- Joint session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) and the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT), hosted by the United States of America, from September 21 to 25.

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COVID-19 measures

- Measures for Breeders ->dedicated webpage on the UPOV Website



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The screenshot shows the UPOV website with a green header and a navigation menu. The main content area is titled "COVID-19 measures for breeders" and includes a disclaimer, a section for international breeders' organizations, and a list of UPOV members with links to their respective websites. A "UPOV PRISMA" logo and a brief description of the online service are also visible.

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COVID-19 measures for breeders

UPOV has created this webpage with links to resources and measures to assist breeders in relation to plant variety protection matters in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disclaimer: This webpage does not constitute the official source of information for COVID-19 pandemic matters for members of the Union. To obtain further information on any specific measure or details on the status of plant variety protection matters, please contact the relevant authority of the member of the Union concerned at http://www.upov.int/members/en/ipo_offices.html

INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Links to webpages provided to UPOV by international breeders' organizations in relation to resources available for breeders in the context COVID-19 pandemic are provided below:

- International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (ICOPORA)

UPOV MEMBERS

Links provided by members of the Union to their webpages with measures on plant variety protection matters, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are provided below:

- Australia
 - IP Rights FBRI FAQs
- Canada
- China
 - PVP Office MARA (Chinese)
 - PVP Office NEGA (Chinese)
- Ecuador
- European Union (Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO))
- France
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- United States of America
 - USPTO

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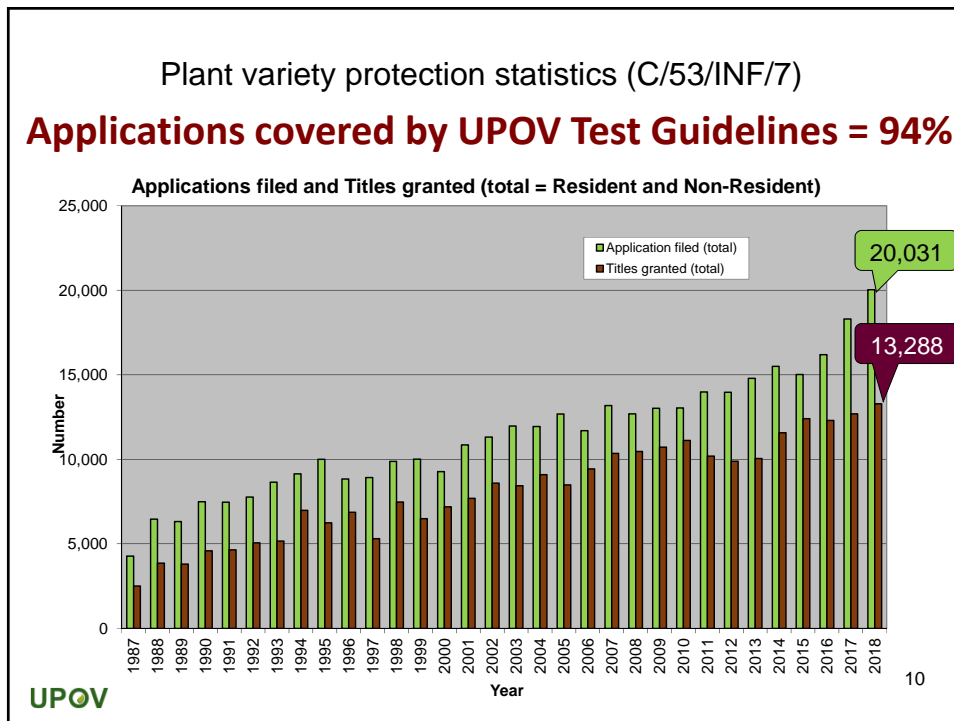
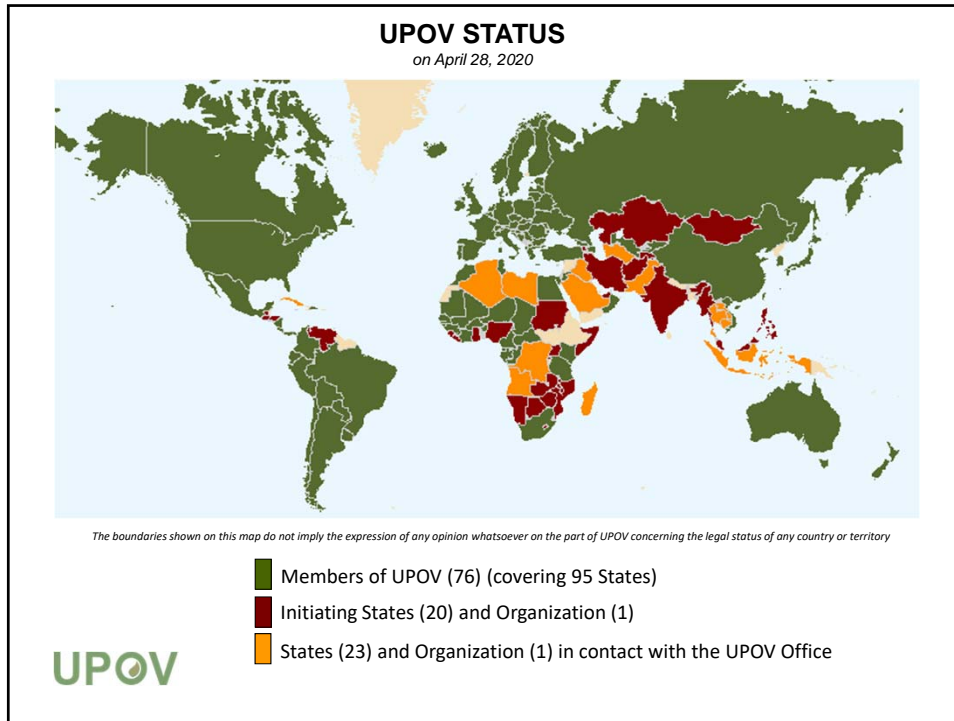
In the COVID-19 situation, an option for making online applications for plant variety protection may be even more relevant.

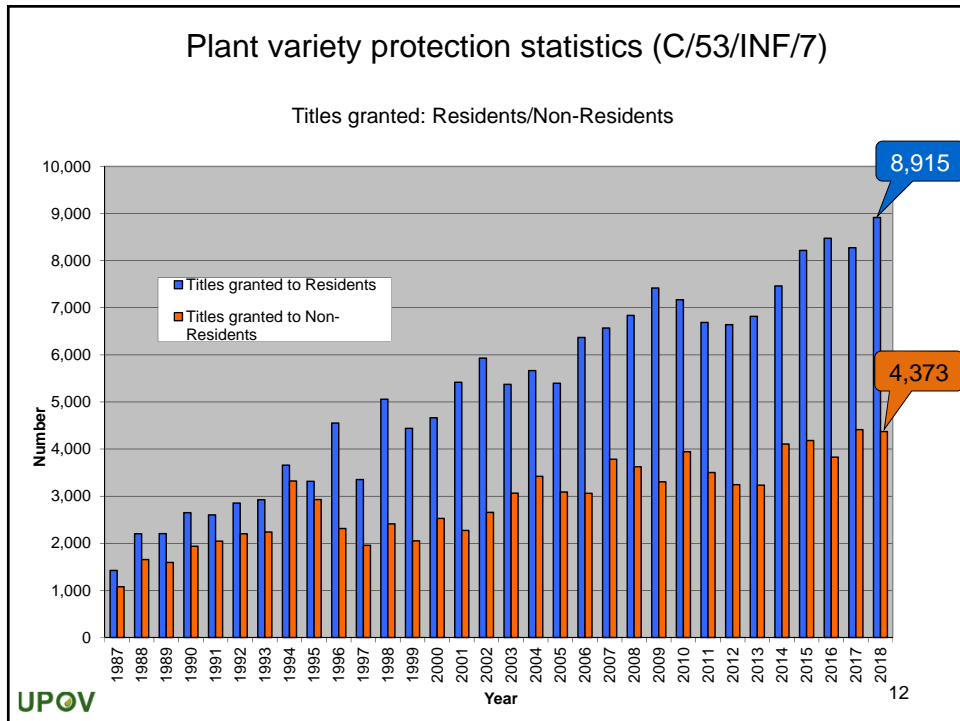
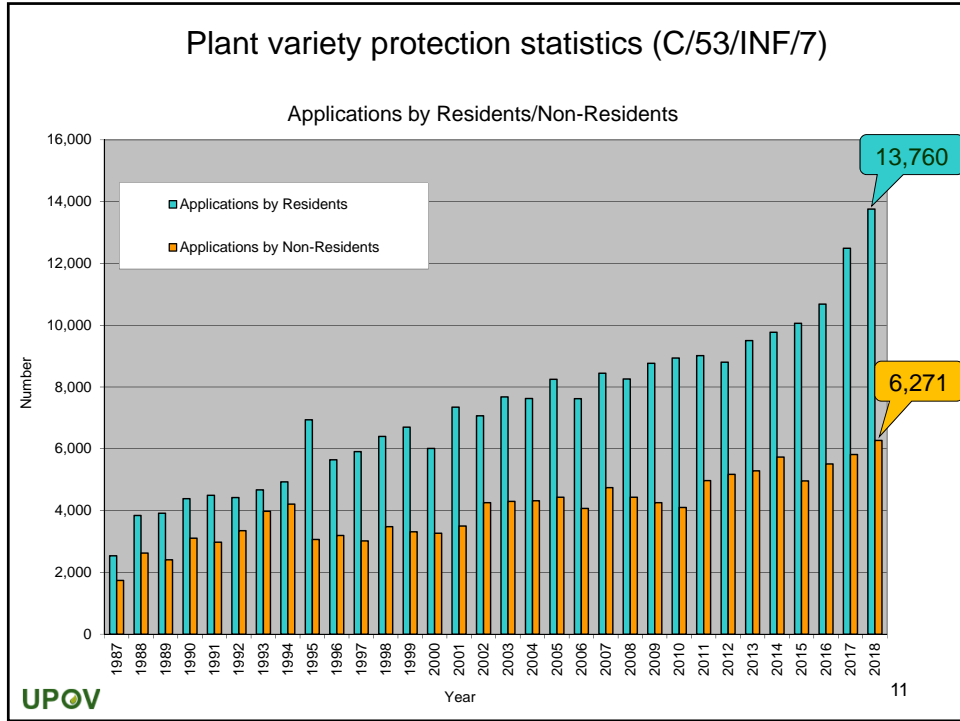
UPOV PRISMA is an online service to make Plant Variety Protection applications to participating UPOV members.

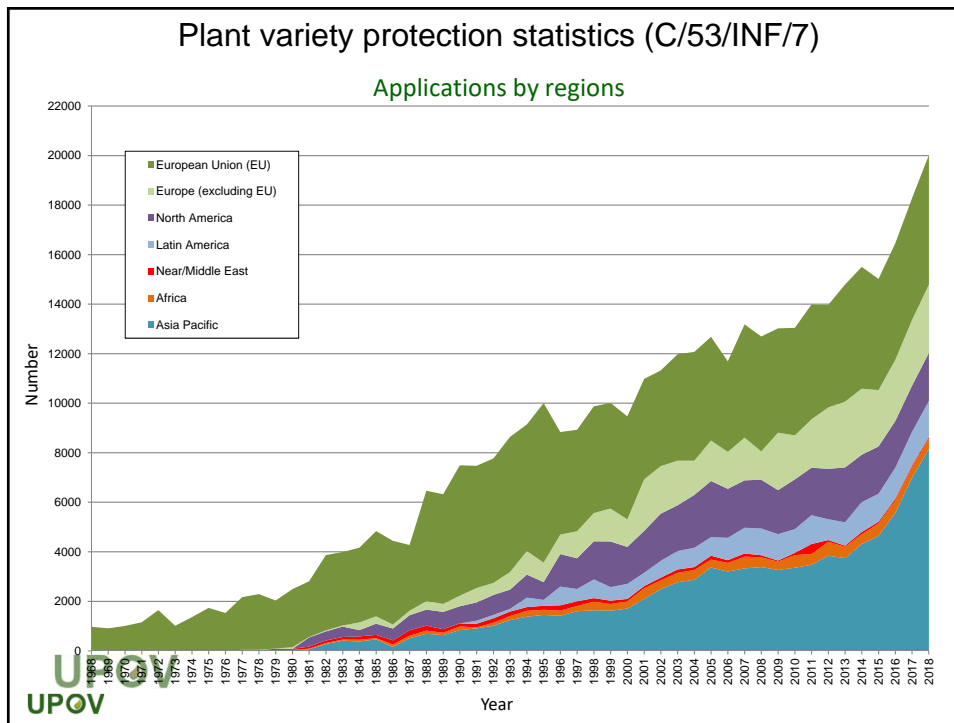
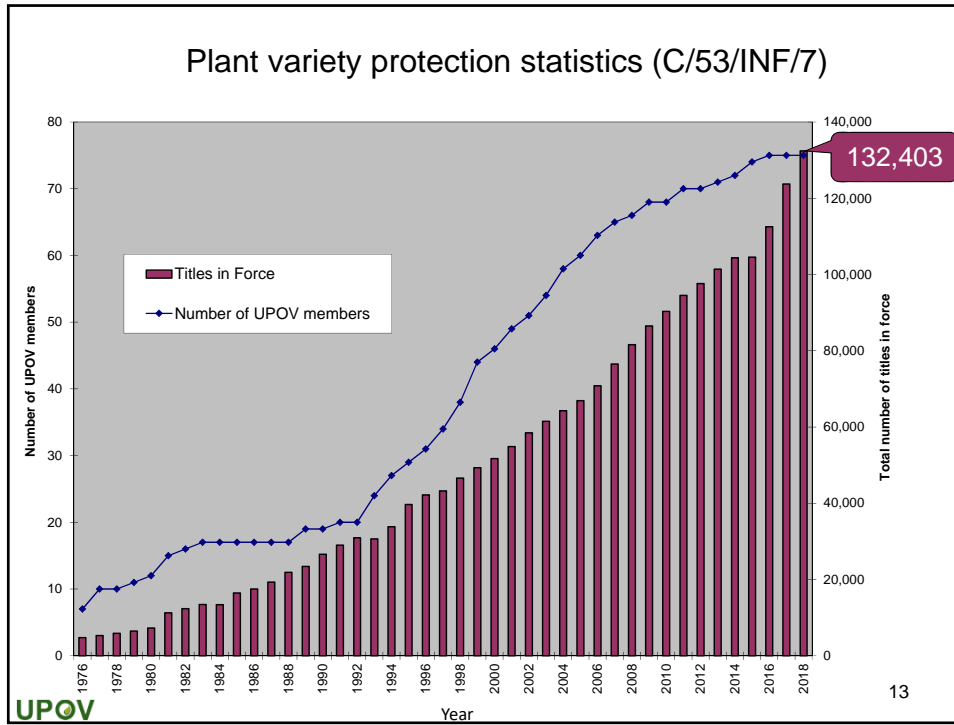
You can find out more [here](#) or send us message: prisma@upov.int

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UPOV Statistics on UPOV website

The screenshot shows the UPOV website's 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS' page. A red arrow points to the 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS' menu item. The page features a header with the UPOV logo, navigation tabs, and a main content area with a red pepper image and a list of statistics.

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HOME • PVP DATA & STATISTICS •

Plant Variety Protection Data and Statistics

[Animated graphics](#)

examples

- [Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR applications \(1997-2018\)](#)
- [Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR applications filed by residents \(1997-2018\)](#)
- [Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR applications filed by non-residents \(1997-2018\)](#)
- [Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR titles granted \(1997-2018\)](#)
- [Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR titles granted to residents \(1997-2018\)](#)
- [Top 10 UPOV members by number of PBR titles granted to non-residents \(1997-2018\)](#)

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UPOV welcomes Mr. Manabu Suzuki
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The screenshot shows the UPOV website homepage. At the top right, there are links for 'Contact us' and 'Site map'. A navigation bar contains 'UPOV SYSTEM', 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS', 'MEETINGS', and 'NEWS'. The main content area features a large image of sunflowers with the headline 'UPOV update on COVID-19: UPOV services continuing; remote work prioritized'. Below this is a 'Welcome' section with introductory text about UPOV. On the right side, there are three vertical panels: 'Stakeholder features' (listing Breeders, Farmers and Growers, Policy makers, and General Public), a list of tools including 'UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool', 'GENIE Database', 'UPOV Lex', and 'Plant Variety Database (PLUTO)', and a 'Quick Links' section. The 'Quick Links' section includes 'Introduction to UPOV', 'Benefits of UPOV', 'UPOV Collection', 'UPOV PRISMA (Information)', and 'Distance Learning Courses'. A red arrow points to the 'Distance Learning Courses' link. At the bottom left, there is a 'Top of page' link and the UPOV logo. The page number '18' is in the bottom right corner.

DL-205 Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention

DL-305 Advanced Distance Learning Courses

Registrations can be made in three different categories:

Category 1:
Government officials of members of the Union nominated by the relevant representative to the UPOV Council
No fee

Category 2:
Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations nominated by the relevant representative to the UPOV Council
(One non-fee paying student per State / intergovernmental organization;
Additional students: CHF1,000 per student)

Category 3:
Others
Fee: CHF1,000



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UPOV Distance Learning Courses

Code	Course	Session	Study period	Registration period
DL-205	Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Session 1	02-Mar to 05-Apr 2020	13-Jan to 16-Feb 2020
		Session 2	12-Oct to 15-Nov 2020	03-Aug to 13-Sep 2020
DL-305A	Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights (Part A of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	02-Mar to 05-Apr 2020	13-Jan to 16-Feb 2020
		Session 2	12-Oct to 15-Nov 2020	03-Aug to 13-Sep 2020
DL-305B	DUS Examination (Part B of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	02-Mar to 05-Apr 2020	13-Jan to 16-Feb 2020
		Session 2	12-Oct to 15-Nov 2020	03-Aug to 13-Sep 2020
DL-305	Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights	Session 1	02-Mar to 05-Apr 2020	13-Jan to 16-Feb 2020
		Session 2	12-Oct to 15-Nov 2020	03-Aug to 13-Sep 2020

The UPOV Courses are hosted on the WIPO eLearning Center.



**+ Special Session of UPOV DL-205 course during COVID-19 situation
(May 4 to June 7, 2020)
at a discounted rate for students under the Category 3
(breeders, IP managers, IP agents, lawyers, academics)**



PLUTO Plant Variety Database services are changing

From November, the PLUTO database will provide two levels of service:

- **Free service:** users will be able to search the PLUTO database and display results.
- **Premium service:** there will be no restriction on the amount of data that can be downloaded and users will have new features. The annual fee will be CHF 750. Users will have the possibility to try the premium service for free during the month of October 2020.

(Note: UPOV members and data contributors will have free access to all PLUTO database "premium" features.)

information Webinar organized on
June 30, 2020



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UPOV Distance Learning Courses: Registration open

Welcome

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental organization with headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

UPOV was established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The Convention was adopted in Paris in 1961 and it was revised in 1972, 1978 and 1991.

UPOV's mission is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of farmers and consumers.

Stakeholder features

- Breeders
- Farmers and Growers
- Policy makers
- General Public

Quick Links

- Introduction to UPOV
- Benefits of UPOV
- UPOV Collection
- UPOV PRISMA (Information)
- Test Guidelines
- Distance Learning Courses
- Seminars & Symposia
- FAQs

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Benefits of UPOV

UPOV (Japan) Tsuyahime Rice
Tsuyahime
A new rice variety bringing increased income for farmers in Japan.
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Kenya) Rose Industry Blooming
ROSE INDUSTRY BLOOMING IN KENYA
Discover how the UPOV system enabled Kenya to develop a \$500 million cut flower industry that employs 300,000 Kenyans.
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Canada) Canadian cherry growers
Canadian cherry growers benefit from government policy.
See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.
[Living harvest](#)
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Japan) PVP in Japan (Ashiro Rindo)
Ashiro Rindo (Japan)
The story of a group of passionate rice farmers that used PVP to develop an international Super business.
[Audio for all versions](#)
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (China) Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Accession of China to UPOV Convention
China
Celebration of the tenth anniversary of the accession of China to UPOV Convention.
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Colombia) UPOV system bringing benefits for agriculture in Colombia
DERECHOS OBTENTORIOS EN COLOMBIA
Colombia 21 years of UPOV in 2019
See how the UPOV system is supporting agriculture and promoting rural development through new improved varieties, with examples of legal seed and ornamentals.
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Argentina) Using the UPOV system to benefit custodians of native wild germplasm in Argentina
Argentina
Using the UPOV system to benefit custodians of native wild germplasm in Argentina.
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Ecuador) PVP in Ecuador
Ecuador
The role of PVP in the development of a new blackberry variety that improves berry-waxing conditions.
[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Uruguay) Plant variety protection in Uruguay
Uruguay
How PVP enabled a public breeder to ensure a supply of high quality onion seed to farmers.
[Transparencia](#)
[Alternative link](#)

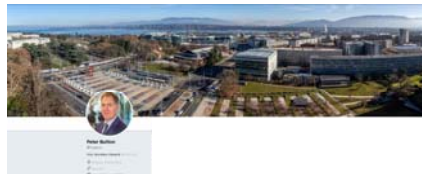
UPOV Social Media



Follow us to find out more about how the UPOV system benefits farmers, growers and breeders worldwide and news on events, videos, reports and more.

[UPOV@UPOVint](#)

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UPOV on Social Media (focus on Technical matters)

 UPOV on Twitter

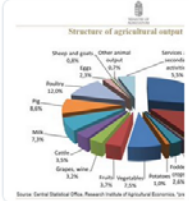

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Peter Button @vsigupov · Jul 5
More from the @UPOVint TWF report (2): The TWF heard from the Ministry of Agriculture about the fruit crops of greatest importance in #Hungary. (see upov.int/meetings/en/de...)

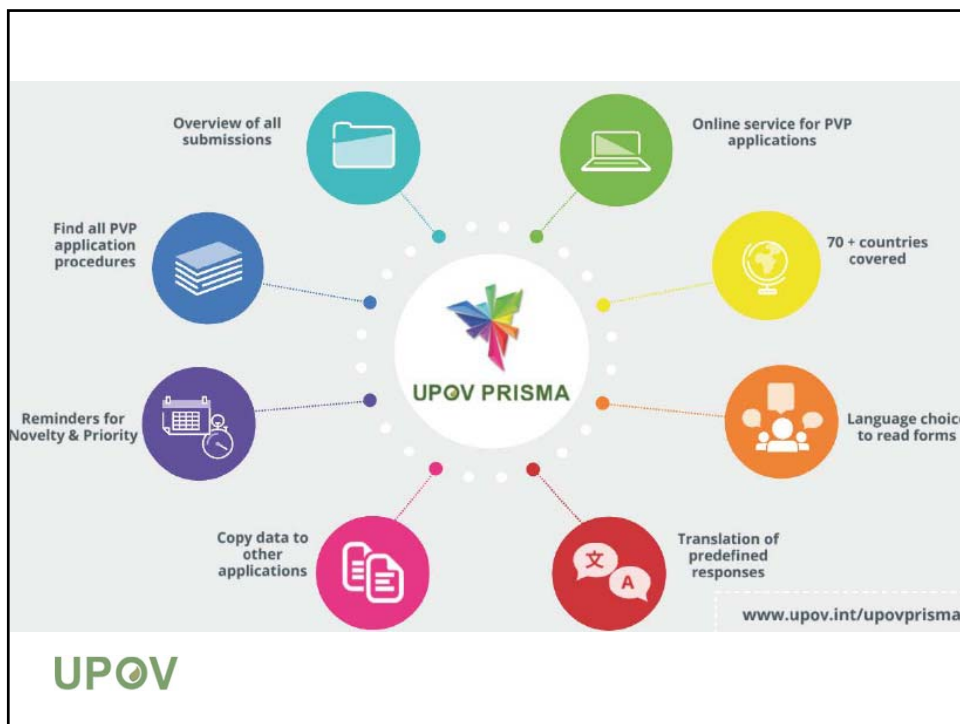
Peter Button @vsigupov · Sep 11
Great to see #SAACongress2019 poster on application of @UPOVint DNA model for more efficient #DUS testing of soybean @inaseargentina. Hope there will be more information at BMT meeting. #SAAseed2019 #SEEDCongress2019



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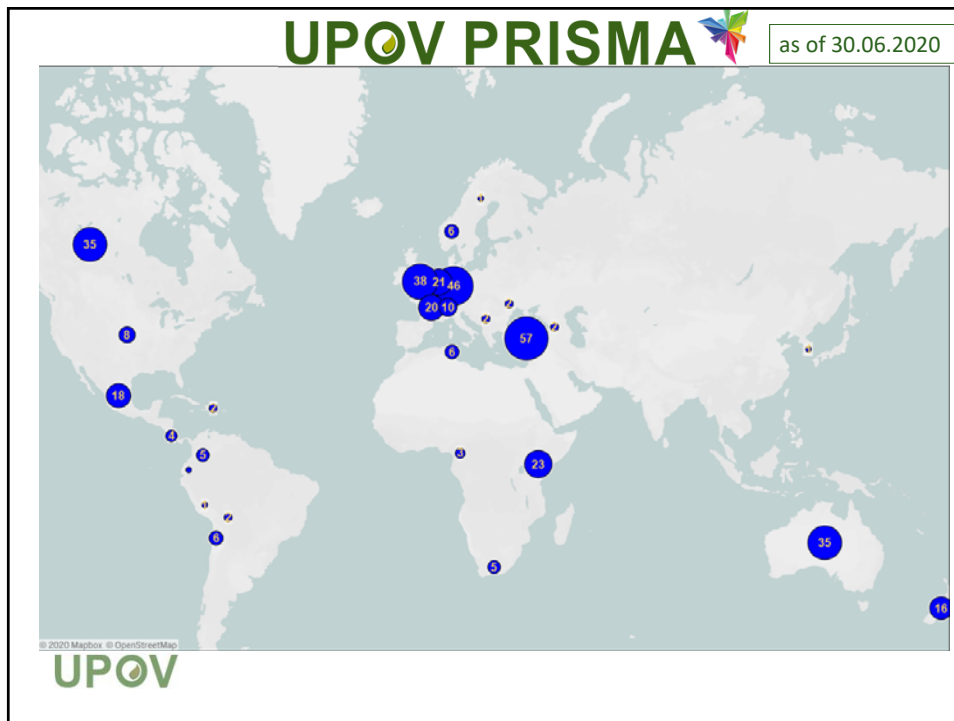
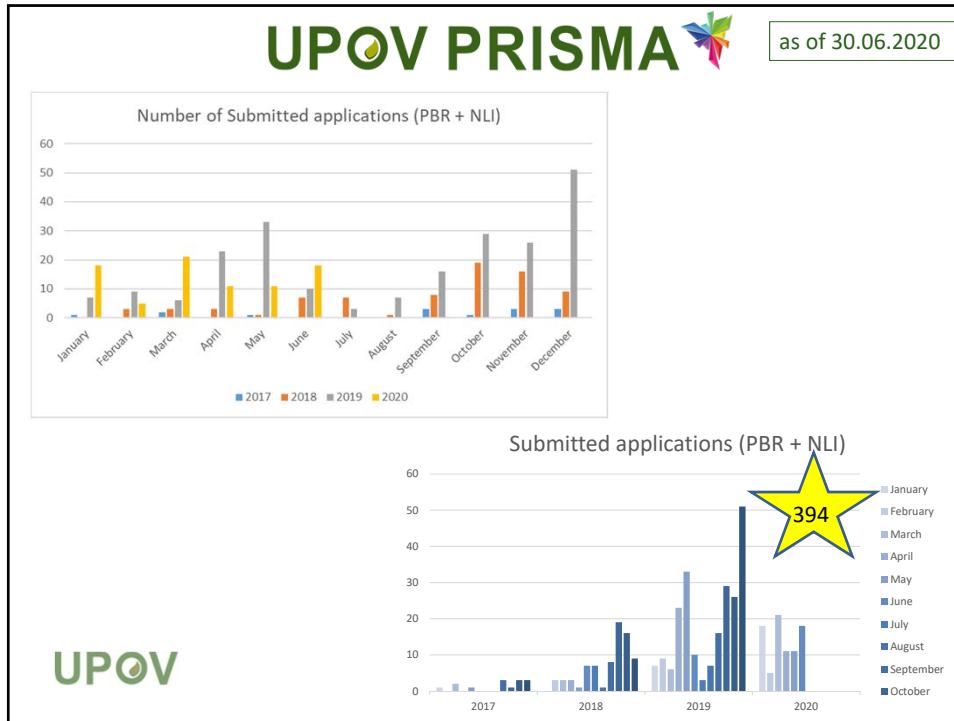


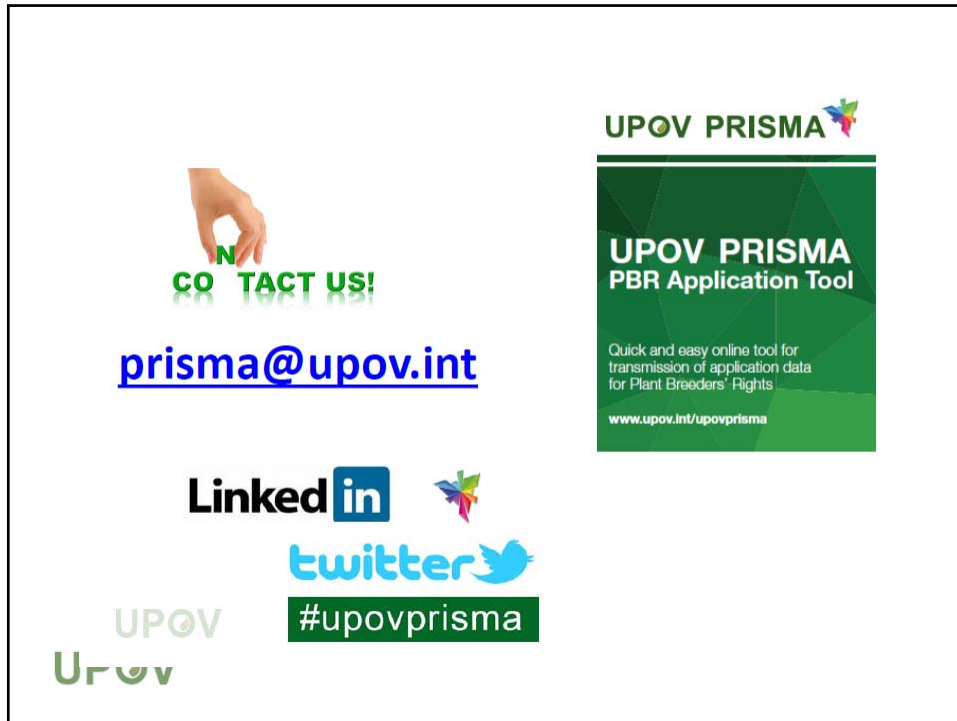
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Online PBR Application Tool



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The graphic is a promotional poster for the UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool. It features a hand holding a green letter 'N' above the text 'CONTACT US!' in green. Below this is the email address 'prisma@upov.int' in blue. To the right is a green box with the text 'UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool' and a description: 'Quick and easy online tool for transmission of application data for Plant Breeders' Rights' and the website 'www.upov.int/upovprisma'. At the bottom are social media icons for LinkedIn and Twitter, and the hashtag '#upovprisma' in a green box. The UPOV logo is in the bottom left corner.

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