

Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques

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1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Matters for discussion
 - 3.1 Guidance and information materials (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
 - 3.2 Technical Committee subgroup on Test Guidelines (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
 - 3.3 Variety description databases including databases containing molecular data (papers invited)
 - 3.4 Software and statistical analysis methods for DUS examination
 - (a) Statistical tools and methods for DUS examination (papers invited)
 - (i) The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom and papers invited)
 - (ii) Comparison of results obtained for COYD and COYU procedures using different software (document to be prepared by France)
 - (iii) Development of Big Data platform for DUS examination (document to be prepared by China)
 - (b) Exchange and use of software and equipment (papers invited)
 - 3.5 Phenotyping and image analysis (papers invited)
 - 3.6 Developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics (papers invited)
 - (a) Latest developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics (papers invited)
 - (b) Cooperation between international organizations (papers invited)
 - (c) Report of work on molecular techniques in relation to DUS examination (papers invited)
 - (d) Methods for analysis of molecular data, management of databases and exchange of data and material (papers invited)
 - (e) Confidentiality, ownership and access to molecular data, including model agreement template (papers invited)
 - Examples of policies on confidentiality and access to molecular information data (papers invited)
 - (f) The use of molecular techniques in examining essential derivation (papers invited)
 - (g) The use of molecular techniques in variety identification (papers invited)

(h) The use of molecular techniques for enforcement (papers invited)

4 Matters for information

- (a) Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)
- (b) Report on developments in UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)

5 Date and place of the next session

6 Future program

7 Adoption of the report on the session (if time permits)

8 Closing of the session

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