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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Matters for consideration
  - 3.1 Software and statistical analysis methods for DUS examination (papers invited)
  - 3.2 Phenotyping and image analysis (papers invited)
  - 3.3 Developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics (papers invited)
    - (a) Cooperation between international organizations (papers invited)
    - (b) Reports of work on molecular techniques in relation to DUS examination (papers invited)
    - (c) Management of databases and exchange of data and material (papers invited)
    - (d) Confidentiality, ownership and access to molecular data (papers invited)
    - (e) The use of molecular techniques in the assessment of essential derivation (papers invited)
    - (f) The use of molecular techniques in variety identification (papers invited)
    - (g) 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, guidance and information materials)
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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