



**TG/NERIUM(proj.3)**  
**ORIGINAL:** English  
**DATE:** 2008-04-29

**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**  
 GENEVA

**DRAFT**

**OLEANDER**

UPOV Code: NERIU\_OLE

*Nerium oleander L.*

\*

**GUIDELINES**

**FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS**

**FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY**

*prepared by experts from France*

*to be considered by the*

*Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees  
 at its forty-first session, to be held in Wageningen, Netherlands, from June 9 to 13, 2008*

Alternative Names:<sup>\*</sup>

<i>Botanical name</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>German</i>	<i>Spanish</i>
<i>Nerium oleander L.</i> ,	Oleander, Rose Bay, Rose-Laurel	Laurier rose, Oleandre	Oleander	Adelfa, Balandre, Laurel Rosa, Pascua
<i>Nerium indicum</i> Mill.				

The purpose of these guidelines (“Test Guidelines”) is to elaborate the principles contained in the General Introduction (document TG/1/3), and its associated TGP documents, into detailed practical guidance for the harmonized examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS) and, in particular, to identify appropriate characteristics for the examination of DUS and production of harmonized variety descriptions.

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

These Test Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the General Introduction and its associated TGP documents.

---

\* These names were correct at the time of the introduction of these Test Guidelines but may be revised or updated. [Readers are advised to consult the UPOV Code, which can be found on the UPOV Website ([www.upov.int](http://www.upov.int)), for the latest information.]

<u>TABLE OF CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
1. SUBJECT OF THESE TEST GUIDELINES.....	3
2. MATERIAL REQUIRED .....	3
3. METHOD OF EXAMINATION.....	3
3.1 Number of Growing Cycles .....	3
3.2 Testing Place.....	3
3.3 Conditions for Conducting the Examination.....	3
3.4 Test Design .....	4
3.5 Number of Plants / Parts of Plants to be Examined.....	4
3.6 Additional Tests .....	4
4. ASSESSMENT OF DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY.....	4
4.1 Distinctness.....	4
4.2 Uniformity.....	4
4.3 Stability .....	5
5. GROUPING OF VARIETIES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GROWING TRIAL.....	5
6. INTRODUCTION TO THE TABLE OF CHARACTERISTICS .....	5
6.1 Categories of Characteristics.....	5
6.2 States of Expression and Corresponding Notes.....	6
6.3 Types of Expression.....	6
6.4 Example Varieties .....	6
6.5 Legend.....	6
7. TABLE OF CHARACTERISTICS/TABLEAU DES CARACTÈRES/MERKMALSTABELLE/TABLA DE CARACTERES.....	7
8. EXPLANATIONS ON THE TABLE OF CHARACTERISTICS .....	20
8.1 Explanations covering several characteristics .....	20
8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics .....	22
9. LITERATURE .....	29
10. TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE .....	30

## 1. Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Nerium oleander* L. of the family *Apocynaceae*.

## 2. Material Required

2.1 The competent authorities decide on the quantity and quality of the plant material required for testing the variety and when and where it is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must ensure that all customs formalities and phytosanitary requirements are complied with.

2.2 The material is to be supplied in the form of two-years-old plants grown from cuttings.

2.3 The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be:

6 plants, unpinched, not grafted.

2.4 The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor, nor affected by any important pest or disease.

2.5 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

## 3. Method of Examination

### 3.1 *Number of Growing Cycles*

The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.

### 3.2 *Testing Place*

Tests are normally conducted at one place. In the case of tests conducted at more than one place, guidance is provided in TGP/9 "Examining Distinctness".

### 3.3 *Conditions for Conducting the Examination*

3.3.1 The tests should be carried out under conditions ensuring satisfactory growth for the expression of the relevant characteristics of the variety and for the conduct of the examination.

3.3.2 Because daylight varies, color determinations made against a color chart should be made either in a suitable cabinet providing artificial daylight or in the middle of the day in a room without direct sunlight. The spectral distribution of the illuminant for artificial daylight should conform with the CIE Standard of Preferred Daylight D 6500 and should fall within the tolerances set out in the British Standard 950, Part I. These determinations should be made with the plant part placed against a white background.

### 3.4 *Test Design*

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 6 plants.

3.4.2 The design of the tests should be such that plants or parts of plants may be removed for measurement or counting without prejudice to the observations which must be made up to the end of the growing cycle.

### 3.5 *Number of Plants / Parts of Plants to be Examined*

Unless otherwise indicated, all observations should be made on 6 plants or parts taken from each of 6 plants.

### 3.6 *Additional Tests*

Additional tests, for examining relevant characteristics, may be established.

## 4. Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

### 4.1 *Distinctness*

#### 4.1.1 General Recommendations

It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines.

#### 4.1.2 Consistent Differences

The differences observed between varieties may be so clear that more than one growing cycle is not necessary. In addition, in some circumstances, the influence of the environment is not such that more than a single growing cycle is required to provide assurance that the differences observed between varieties are sufficiently consistent. One means of ensuring that a difference in a characteristic, observed in a growing trial, is sufficiently consistent is to examine the characteristic in at least two independent growing cycles.

#### 4.1.3 Clear Differences

Determining whether a difference between two varieties is clear depends on many factors, and should consider, in particular, the type of expression of the characteristic being examined, i.e. whether it is expressed in a qualitative, quantitative, or pseudo-qualitative manner. Therefore, it is important that users of these Test Guidelines are familiar with the recommendations contained in the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness.

### 4.2 *Uniformity*

4.2.1 It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding uniformity. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines:

4.2.2 For the assessment of uniformity a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 6 plants, one off-type is allowed.

#### 4.3 *Stability*

4.3.1 In practice, it is not usual to perform tests of stability that produce results as certain as those of the testing of distinctness and uniformity. However, experience has demonstrated that, for many types of variety, when a variety has been shown to be uniform, it can also be considered to be stable.

4.3.2 Where appropriate, or in cases of doubt, stability may be tested, either by growing a further generation, or by testing a new seed stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the previous material supplied.

### 5. Grouping of Varieties and Organization of the Growing Trial

5.1 The selection of varieties of common knowledge to be grown in the trial with the candidate varieties and the way in which these varieties are divided into groups to facilitate the assessment of distinctness are aided by the use of grouping characteristics.

5.2 Grouping characteristics are those in which the documented states of expression, even where produced at different locations, can be used, either individually or in combination with other such characteristics: (a) to select varieties of common knowledge that can be excluded from the growing trial used for examination of distinctness; and (b) to organize the growing trial so that similar varieties are grouped together.

5.3 The following have been agreed as useful grouping characteristics:

- (a) Plant: growth type (characteristic 1)
- (b) Plant: growth habit (characteristic 2)
- (c) Flower: color (characteristic 19)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction.

### 6. Introduction to the Table of Characteristics

#### 6.1 *Categories of Characteristics*

##### 6.1.1 Standard Test Guidelines Characteristics

Standard Test Guidelines characteristics are those which are approved by UPOV for examination of DUS and from which members of the Union can select those suitable for their particular circumstances.

##### 6.1.2 Asterisked Characteristics

Asterisked characteristics (denoted by \*) are those included in the Test Guidelines which are important for the international harmonization of variety descriptions and should

always be examined for DUS and included in the variety description by all members of the Union, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this inappropriate.

#### 6.2 *States of Expression and Corresponding Notes*

States of expression are given for each characteristic to define the characteristic and to harmonize descriptions. Each state of expression is allocated a corresponding numerical note for ease of recording of data and for the production and exchange of the description.

#### 6.3 *Types of Expression*

An explanation of the types of expression of characteristics (qualitative, quantitative and pseudo-qualitative) is provided in the General Introduction.

#### 6.4 *Example Varieties*

Where appropriate, example varieties are provided to clarify the states of expression of each characteristic.

#### 6.5 *Legend*

- (\*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2
- QL: Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
- QN: Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
- PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
- (a) See explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1
- (+) See explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2

7. Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteresticas

				Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
	English	français	deutsch	español	
<b>1.</b> <b>(*)</b>	<b>Plant: growth type</b>	<b>Plante: Type de croissance</b>			
QL	dwarf	nain		Petite Pink, Petite Red	1
	normal	normal		Alassio, Altini	2
<b>2.</b> <b>(*)</b> <b>(+)</b>	<b>Plant: growth habit</b>	<b>Plante : port</b>			
QN	upright	érigé		Belle Hélène	1
	semi-upright	demi dressé		Fiesta Pink	2
	spreading	étalé		Altini	3
<b>3.</b>	<b>Plant: height (only varieties with normal plant growth type)</b>	<b>Plante : hauteur (seulement pour les variétés à croissance normale)</b>			
QN	short	courte		Papa Gambetta	3
	medium	moyenne		Belle Hélène	5
	tall	haute		La Fontaine	7
<b>4.</b>	<b>Shoot: color of distal part (current year's shoot)</b>	<b>Rameau : couleur de la partie supérieure (rameau de l'année)</b>			
PQ	light green	vert clair		Belle Hélène	1
	medium green	vert moyen		Altini	2
	dark green	vert foncé		Papa Gambetta	3
	reddish brown	brun rougeâtre		Virginie	4
	brown	brun		Fiesta Rodi	5

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
<b>5. (*)</b>	<b>Leaf blade: length</b>	<b>Feuille : longueur du limbe</b>			
<b>QN</b>	short	courte		Petite Pink	3
	medium	moyenne		Hardy Red	5
	long	longue		Alassio	7
<b>6. (*)</b>	<b>Leaf blade: width</b>	<b>Feuille : largeur du limbe</b>			
<b>QN</b>	narrow	étroite		Papa Gambetta	3
	medium	moyenne		Emile Sahut	5
	broad	large		Emilie	7
<b>7. (*)</b>	<b>Leaf blade: variegation</b>	<b>Feuille : panachure</b>			
<b>QL</b>	absent	absente		Marie Gambetta	1
	present	présente		Splendens Foleïs Variegata	9
<b>8.</b>	<b>Leaf blade: main color of upper side</b>	<b>Feuille : couleur principale de la partie supérieure</b>			
<b>PQ</b>	light green	vert clair		Petite white	1
	medium green	vert moyen		Alassio	2
	dark green	vert foncé		Papa Gambetta	3
	bluish-green	vert bleuté		JR 95-1	4
<b>9. (*) (+)</b>	<b>Leaf blade: profile in cross section</b>	<b>Feuille : section transversale</b>			
<b>QL</b>	flat	plate		Nana Rosso, Pink Beauty	1
	folded	pliée		Petite Red	2

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
<b>10.</b> (+)	<b>Leaf blade: incurving of margins</b>	<b>Limbe: enroulement des bords</b>			
QN	absent or slightly incurved	absent ou faiblement incurvé		Italia	1
	moderately incurved	moyennement incurvé		Altini, Solfège	2
	strongly incurved	fortement incurvé		Almodovar, Jannoch,	3
<b>11.</b> (+)	<b>Leaf blade: glossiness of upper side</b>	<b>Feuille : brillance de la face supérieure</b>			
QL	absent	absente		Petite Red	1
	present	présente		Papa Gambetta	9
<b>12.</b>	<b>Leaf blade: pubescence of upper side</b>	<b>Feuille : pubescence de la face supérieure</b>			
QL	absent	absente		Papa Gambetta, Petite Red	1
	present	présente		JR 95-1	9
<b>13.</b> (*) (+)	<b>Inflorescence: curvature of upper part</b>	<b>Inflorescence : courbure de la partie supérieure</b>			
QN	absent or weak	absente ou faible		Petite White	1
	medium	moyenne		Petite Red	2
	strong	forte		Fauryb 04	3
<b>14.</b>	<b>Inflorescence: position in relation to foliage</b>	<b>Inflorescence : position par rapport au feuillage</b>			
QN	above	au-dessus		East End Pink	1
	same level	au même niveau		Petite Red	2
	within	à l'intérieur		Alassio	3

					Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Exemples	Note/ Nota
					Beispielssorten	
<b>15.</b> (+)	<b>Plant: number of flowers</b>	<b>Plante : Nombre de fleurs</b>			Variedades ejemplo	
QN	few	faible			Neridem	3
	medium	moyen			Soleil Levant	5
	many	grand			Altini	7
<b>16.</b> (*) (+)	<b>Flower bud: shape</b>	<b>Bouton floral : forme</b>				
PQ	ovate	ovale			Hawaïi	1
	narrow elliptic	elliptique étroit			Mont Rose	2
	broad elliptic	elliptique large			Splendens Giganteum	3
	rhombic	rhomboïque			JR 95-1	4
<b>17.</b>	<b>Flower bud: main color (just before opening)</b>	<b>Bouton floral : couleur principale (juste avant l'ouverture)</b>				
PQ	white or nearly white	blanc ou presque blanc			Petite white	1
	yellow	jaune			Sœur Agnès	2
	light pink	rose clair			Alsace	3
	medium pink	rose moyen			Nana Rosso	4
	dark pink	rose foncé			Louis Pouget	5
	pink red	rose rouge			Hardy Pink	6
	red	rouge			Italia	7
	light violet	violet clair			Barcelona	8
<b>18.</b>	<b>Flower bud: swelling just before opening</b>	<b>Bouton floral : gonflement juste avant l'ouverture</b>				
QL	absent	absent			Alsace	1
	present	présent			Angiolo Pucci	9

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
<b>19.</b> <small>(*)</small>	<b>Flower: color</b>	<b>Fleur : couleur</b>			
PQ	whitish	blanchâtre		Alsace, Mont Blanc, Petite white	1
	yellow	jaune		Isle of Capri, Luteum Plenum	2
	light orange	orange clair		Angiolo Pucci	3
	light orange pink	orange clair rose		Hawaiï, Mrs Roeding, Tito Poggi	4
	light pink	rose clair		East End Pink, Magaly	5
	medium to dark pink	rose moyen à foncé		Alassio, Emilie, Roseum Plenum	6
	pink red	rose rouge		JR 95-1, Commandant Barthélémy	7
	red	rouge		Altini, Petite Red, Tamouré	8
	light violet	violet clair		Barcelona	9
<b>20.</b> <small>(*) (+)</small>	<b>Flower: number of whorls of petals</b>	<b>Fleur : nombre de rang de pétales</b>			
QL	one	un		Emilie	1
	more than one	plusieurs		Mrs Roeding, Professeur Granel	2
<b>21.</b> <small>(*)</small>	<b>Flower: diameter</b>	<b>Fleur : diamètre</b>			
QN	small	petit		Petite Red	3
	medium	moyen		Mrs Roeding	5
	large	grand		Roseum Plenum	7
<b>22.</b>	<b>Flower: fragrance</b>	<b>Fleur : parfum</b>			
QN	absent or very weak	absent ou très faible		Jordan Valley	1
	weak	faible		Arizona	3
	medium	moyen		Alassio	5
	strong	fort		Louis Pouget	7

					Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Exemples	Note/ Nota
					Beispielssorten	
23. (*) (+)	Petal: attitude of upper part	Pétale : profil de la partie supérieure				
QN	erect	dressé			Petite Pink	1
	semi erect	demi dressé			Isle of Capri	2
	spreading	évasé			Hawaï	3
24.	Petal: size	Pétale : taille				
QN	small	petite			Petite white	3
	medium	moyenne			Mont Blanc	5
	large	grande			Claudia	7
25. (*) (+)	Petal: shape	Pétale : forme				
PQ	type 1	type 1			Belle Hélène, Italia	1
	type 2	type 2			Neguev	2
	type 3	type 3			Red Beauty, Splendens Foleïs Variegata	3
	type 4	type 4			Luteum Plenum	4
26. (*) (+)	Petal: margin of blade	Pétale : bord du limbe				
PQ	entire	entier			Hardy Red	1
	dentate	denté			Sœur Agnès	2
	sinuate	sinué			Commandant Barthélémy	3
	lobed	lobé			Madame Allen	4
27. (*) (+)	Flower: main color of upper side of petal	Fleur : couleur principale de la face supérieure du pétale				
PQ	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)	code RHS des couleurs (indiquer le numéro de référence)				

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
				Exemples	
28.	<b>Flower: secondary color of upper side of petal</b>	<b>Fleur : couleur secondaire de la face supérieure du pétales</b>			
(*)					
(+)					
QL	absent	absente		Ville de la Londe	1
	present	présente		Wu han	9
29.	<b>Flower: area of secondary color of upper side of petal</b>	<b>Fleur : surface de la couleur secondaire sur la face supérieure du pétales</b>			
PQ	very small	très petite			1
	medium	moyenne			3
	very large	très grande			5
30.	<b>Petal: distribution of secondary color</b>	<b>Pétale : distribution de la couleur secondaire</b>			
X	regular or slightly irregular	régulière ou faiblement irrégulière		Simie	1
	moderately irregular	moyennement irrégulière		Louis Pouget	2
	very irregular	très irrégulière		Wu Han	3
31.	<b>Petal: intensification of color on left of upper side</b>	<b>Pétale : intensification de la couleur sur le côté gauche de la face interne</b>			
(+)					
PQ	absent	absent		Professeur Granel	1
	present	présent		Virginie	9

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
<b>32.</b>  (*) (+)	<b>Petal: color at base of outer side</b>	<b>Pétale : couleur de la base de la face externe</b>			Variedades ejemplares
<b>QL</b>	white	blanc		Splendens Giganteum	1
	pinkish white	blanc rosé		Tamouré	2
	whitish yellow	jaune blanchâtre		Emilie	3
	light yellow	jaune clair		Petite Pink	4
	medium yellow	jaune moyen		Marie Gambetta	5
	greenish yellow	jaune verdâtre		Alsace	6
	orange-yellow	jaune orangé		Isle of Capri	7
	orange	orangé		Luteum Plenum	8
	pink	rose		Petite Red	9
	purplish pink	rose violacé		Petite White	10
	red	rouge		Neridem	11
<b>33.</b>  (*)	<b>Corolla tube: petaloids</b>	<b>Tube de la corolle : pétales</b>	<b>(FR proposal: to replace Corolla tube (cha:33-34-35-36-40-41) by Corolla throat/Gorge de la corolle)</b>		
<b>QL</b>	absent	absents		Grandiflorum	1
	present	présents		Roseum Plenum	9
<b>34.</b>	<b>Corolla tube: length</b>	<b>Tube de la corolle : longueur</b>	<b>FR proposal: To be moved before 33</b>		
<b>QN</b>	very short	très courte		Roseum Plenum	1
	short	courte		Tamouré	3
	medium	moyenne		Emilie	5
	long	longue		Hardy Red	7

					Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Exemples	Note/ Nota
					Beispielssorten	
35. (+)	<b>Corolla tube: diameter</b>	<b>Tube de la corolle: diamètre</b>	<b>FR proposal:To be moved before 33</b>			
QN	small	petit			Mrs Roeding	3
	medium	moyen			Rosita	5
	large	grand			Alassio	7
36. (*)	<b>Corolla tube: color of external side</b>	<b>Tube de la corolle : couleur face externe</b>	<b>FR proposal:To be moved before 33</b>			
PQ	whitish	blanchâtre			Splendens Foleïs Variegata	1
	greenish	verdâtre			Madame Burton	2
	pinkish white	blanc rosé			Petite Red	3
	light yellow	jaune clair			Sœur Agnès	4
	medium yellow	jaune moyen			Marie Gambetta	5
	pinkish yellow	jaune rosé			Alsace	6
	orange yellow	jaune orangé			Angiolo Pucci	7
	orange	orange			Luteum Plenum	8
	pink	rose			Petite White	9
	purplish pink	rose violacé			Virginie	10
	light violet	violet clair			Barcelona	11
	red	rouge			Pirate des Caraïbes	12
37. (*)	<b>Corolline appendages: length</b>	<b>Appendices corollins: longueur</b>				
QN	very short	très courte			Neguev, Tavira	1
	short	courte			Maurin des Maures	3
	medium	moyenne			Emilie	5
	long	longue			Rosa Bartolini	7
	very long	très longue			Jannoch	9

					Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Exemples	Note/ Nota
					Beispielssorten	
<b>38.</b>  (*)	<b>Corolline appendages: crown attitude</b>	<b>Appendices corollins: port de la couronne</b>				
<b>QN</b>	erect	dressé			Ville de Carpentras	1
	semi erect	demi dressé			Sœur Agnès	2
	spreading	étalé			East End Pink	3
<b>39.</b>  (*)	<b>Corolline appendages: laciniation</b>	<b>Appendices corollins: découpure</b>				
<b>QN</b>	absent or very weak	absente ou très faible			Neguev	1
	weak	faible			Maurin des Maures	3
	medium	moyenne			Emilie	5
	strong	forte			Rosa Bartolini	7
<b>40.</b>  (*) (+)	<b>Corolla tube: color of inner side</b>	<b>Tube de la corolle : couleur de l'intérieur</b>				
<b>PQ</b>	white	blanche			Petite Pink	1
	whitish yellow	jaune blanchâtre			Grandiflorum	2
	yellow	jaune			Marie Gambetta	3
	orange	orange			Luteum Plenum	4
	light pink	rose clair			Virginie	5
	medium pink	rose moyen			Belle Hélène	6
	pink red	rose rouge			Hardy Red	7
	red	rouge			Fiesta Rodi	8
<b>41.</b>  (+)	<b>Corolla tube: color of base of inner side</b>	<b>Tube de la corolle : couleur du fond à l'intérieur</b>	FR proposal: color of eye zone			
<b>PQ</b>	white	blanc			Petite White	1
	whitish yellow	jaune blanchâtre			Claudia	2
	yellow	jaune			Angiolo Pucci	3
	orange yellow	jaune orangé			Luteum Plenum	4
	orange	orange			Mont Blanc	5

					Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Exemples	Note/ Nota
					Beispielssorten	
42. (*)	<b>Corolline appendage: distribution of secondary color</b>	<b>Appendice corollin:distribution de la couleur secondaire</b>	Fr proposal: to replace coralline appendage by Corolla throat			
PQ	even	unie			Mont Blanc	1
	striped	striée			Louis Pouget	2
	one striped	unirayée			Hardy Red	3
	multistriped	multirayée			Angiolo Pucci	4
	striped and striate	rayée et striée			Madame Allen	5
43. (+)	<b>Stamens: extrusion of plumose appendix of anther</b>	<b>Etamines : extrusion des appendices plumeux des anthères</b>				
QN	absent or very weak	nulle ou très faible			Professeur Granel	1
	weak	faible			Mont Blanc	3
	medium	moyenne			Altini	5
	strong	forte			Hardy Red	7
44.	<b>Calyx: color</b>	<b>Calice : couleur</b>				
PQ	only green	seulement vert			Mont Blanc	1
	green and red	vert et rouge			Alsace	2
	only red	seulement rouge			Fiesta Pienk	3
	purple	violet			Haïfa	4
	reddish brown	brun rougeâtre			Roseum Plenum	5
	dark brown	brun foncé			Commandant Barthélémy	6
45.	<b>Sepals: length</b>	<b>Sépales : longueur</b>				
QN	short	court			Luteum Plenum	3
	medium	moyen			Altini	5
	long	long			Petite White	7

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
<b>46.</b> (*) (+)	<b>Sepals: position in relation to corolla tube</b>	<b>Sépales : position par rapport au tube de la corolle</b>			
<b>QN</b>	adpressed or slightly reflexed	appliqué ou faiblement écarté		Rosa Bartolini	1
	moderately reflexed	modérément écartée		Grandiflorum	2
	strongly reflexed	fortement écarté		JR 95-1	3
<b>47.</b>	<b>pedicels: color</b>	<b>pédicelles : couleur</b>			
<b>PQ</b>	only green	seulement vert		Neguev	1
	green and red	vert et rouge		Belle Hélène	2
	green and purple	vert et violet		Barcelona	3
	only red	seulement rouge		Altini	4
	only brown	seulement brun		Maréchal Graziani	5
<b>48.</b>	<b>Time of beginning of flowering</b>	<b>Époque du début de la floraison</b>			
<b>QN</b>	early	précoce		Italia	3
	medium	moyenne		Marie Gambetta	5
	late	tardive		Hawaï	7
<b>49.</b>	<b>Fruit: length</b>	<b>Fruit : longueur</b>			
<b>QN</b>	short	courte		Marie Mauron, Rosita	3
	medium	moyenne		Italia, Sœur Agnès	5
	long	longue		Pink Beauty, Roseum Plenum	7
<b>50.</b>	<b>Fruit: diameter</b>	<b>Fruit : diamètre</b>			
<b>QN</b>	small	petit		Roseum Plenum	3
	medium	moyen		Pink Beauty	5
	large	grand		Marie Mauron	7

				Example Varieties	
	English	français	deutsch	español	Note/ Nota
<b>51.</b>	<b>Fruit: shape</b>	<b>Fruit : forme</b>			
(+)					
<b>PQ</b>	straight	droite		Maurin des Maures	1
	curved	courbée		Italia	2
	sinusoidal	sinusoïdale		Emilie	3
<b>52.</b>	<b>Fruit: color</b>	<b>Fruit : couleur</b>			
<b>PQ</b>	light green	vert clair		Alsace	1
	green and red	vert et rouge		Docteur Raggioneri	2
	only red	seulement rouge		Nana Rosso	3

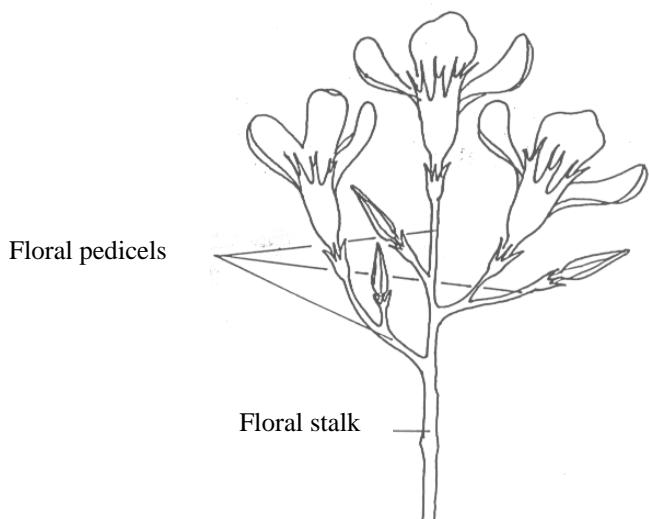
## 8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

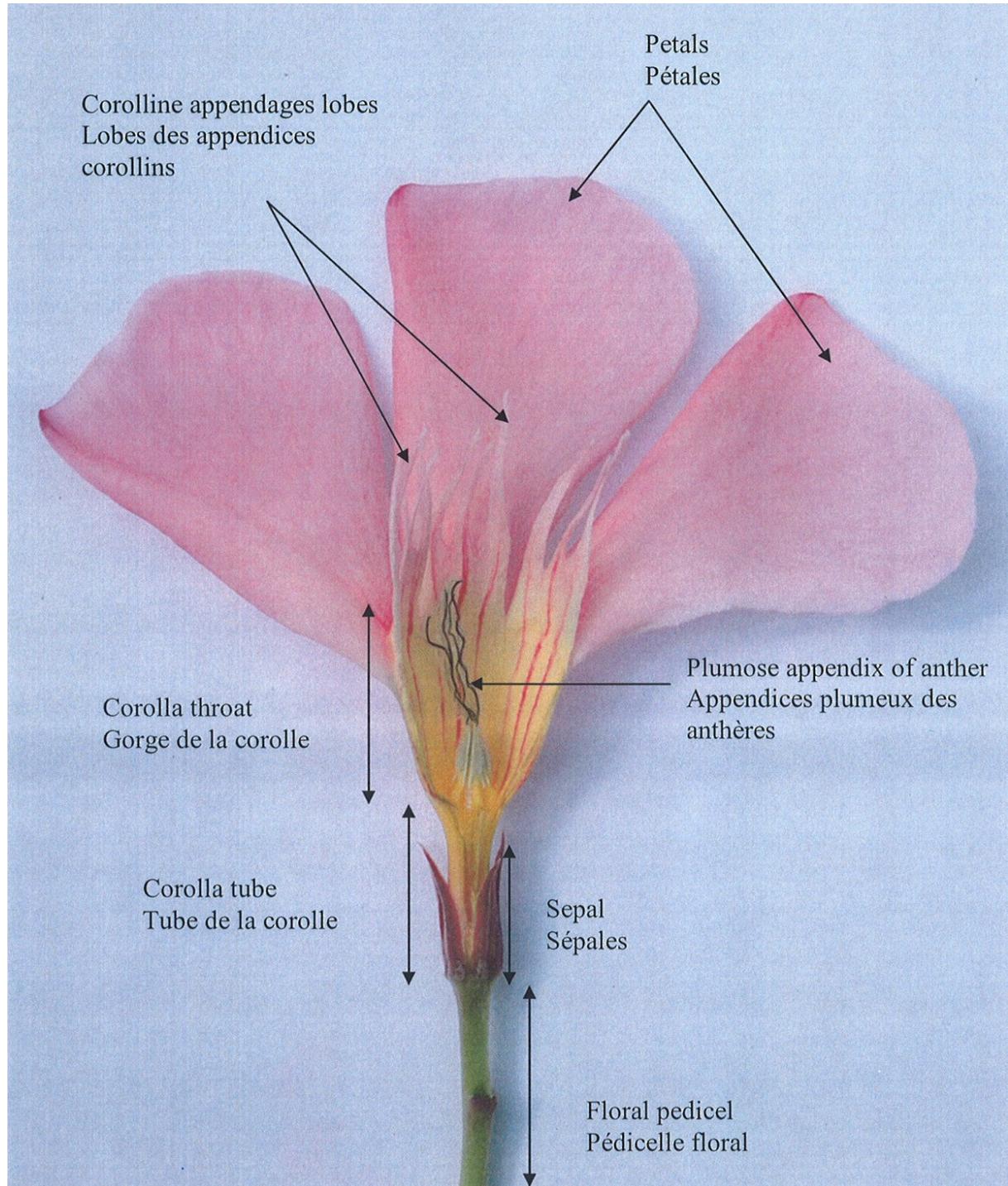
### 8.1 *Explanations covering several characteristics*

Characteristics containing the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

- (a) Observations on the flower which should be made on the day of opening at first flush of flower

#### General terminology Terminologie générale

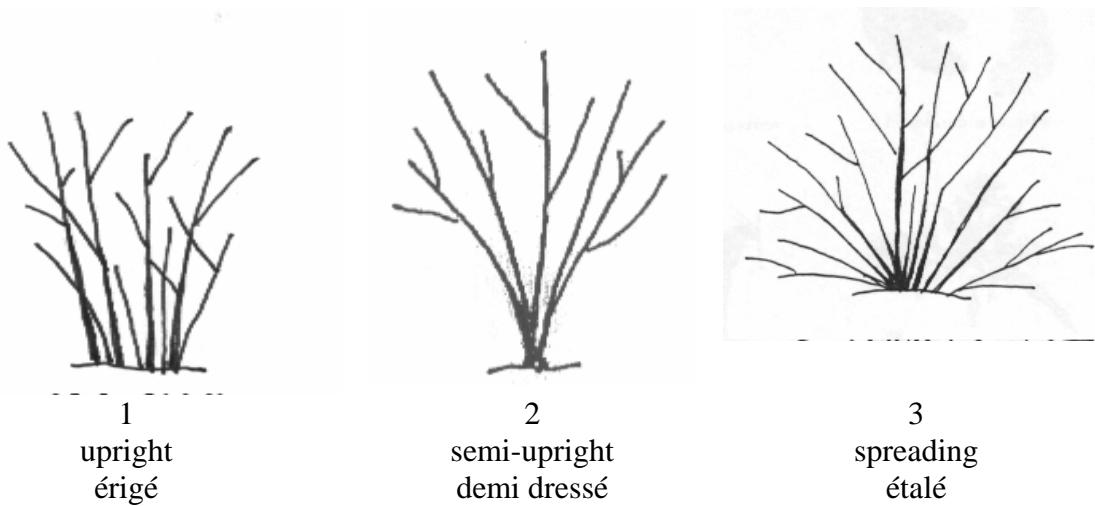




## 8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics

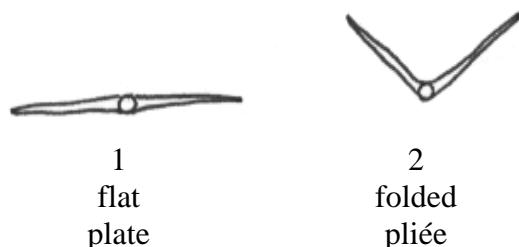
Ad. 2: Plant: growth habit

Add. 2: Plante : port



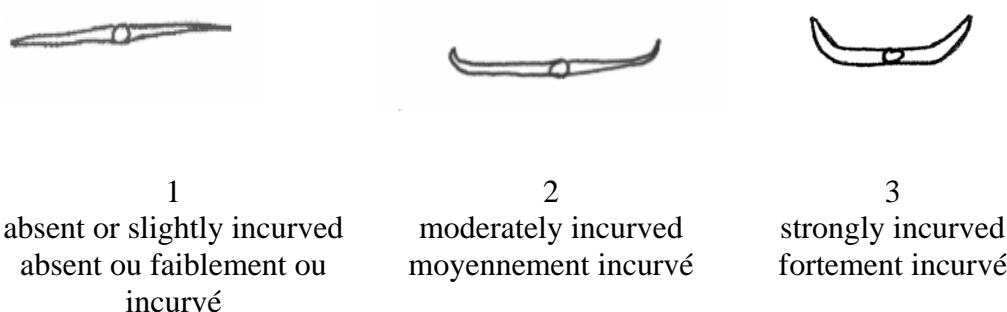
Ad. 9: Leaf blade: profile in cross section

Add. 9: Feuille : section transversale



Ad. 10: Leaf blade: incurving of margins

Add. 10: Limbe: enroulement des bords



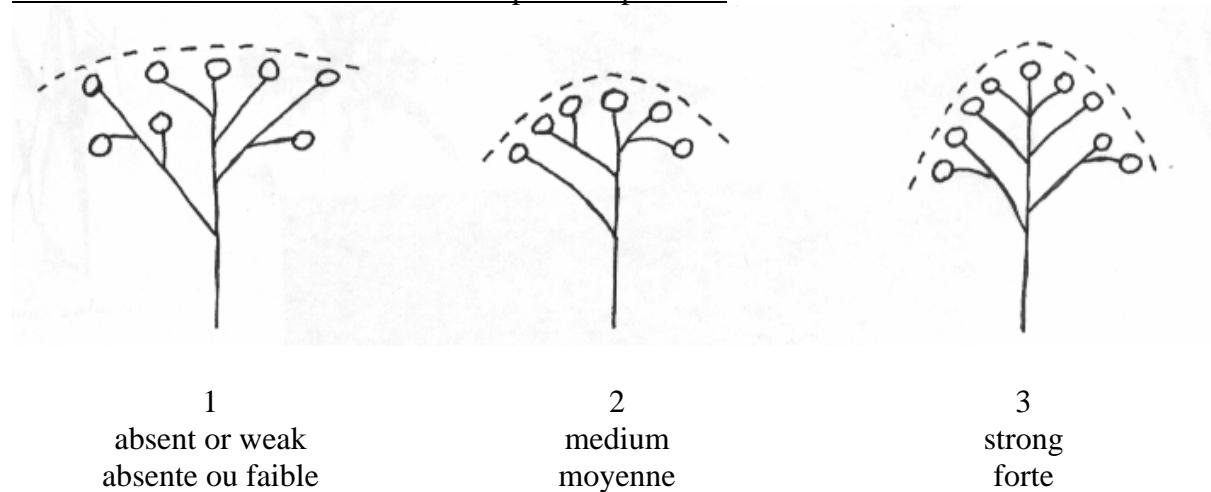
Ad. 11: Leaf blade: glossiness of upper side

Add. 11: Feuille: brillance de la face supérieure

to be observed in the shade  
à observer à l'ombre

Ad. 13: Inflorescence: curvature of upper part

Add. 13: Inflorescence: courbure de la partie supérieure



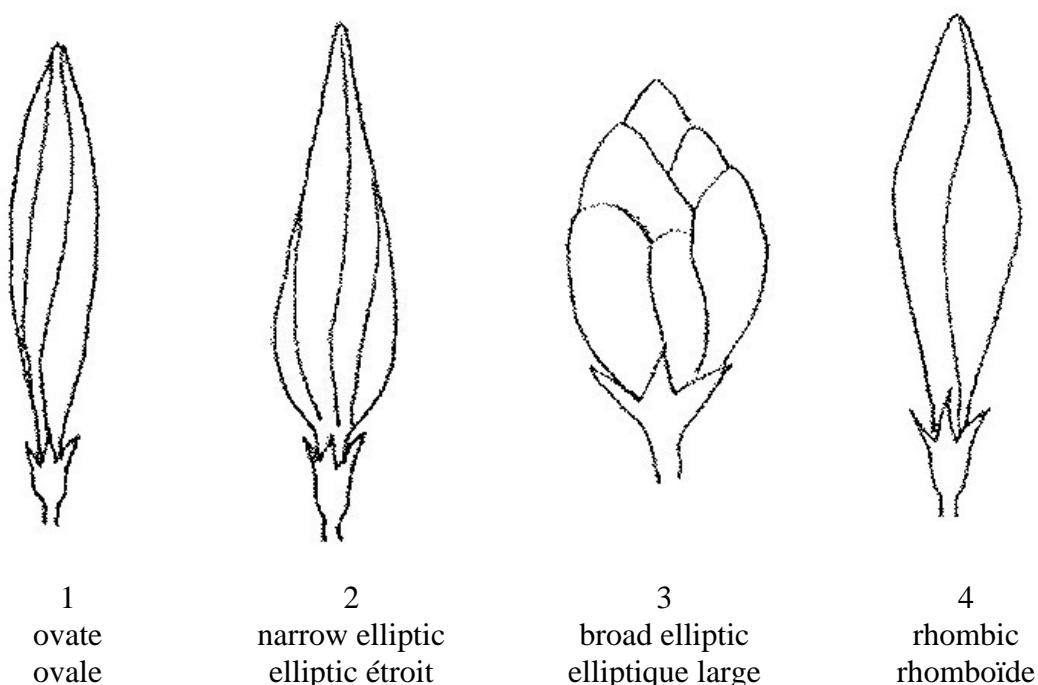
Ad. 15: Plant: number of flowers

Add 15: Plante: nombre de fleurs

it refers to the number of flowers per plant at full flowering  
fait référence au nombre de fleurs par plante en pleine floraison

Ad. 16: Flower bud: shape (just before opening)

Add. 16: Bouton floral : forme (juste avant l'ouverture)



Ad. 20: Flower : number of whorls of petals

Add. 20: Fleur : nombre de rang de pétales

petaloids to be excluded  
les pétaloïdes sont exclus

Ad. 23: Petal : attitude of upper part

Add. 23: Pétale: port de la partie supérieure

should be observed on a fully open flower, excluding the tube  
doit être observé sur une fleur complètement ouverte, hors tube



1  
erect  
dressé



2  
semi erect  
demi dressé



3  
spreading  
évasé

Ad. 25: Petal: shape

Add. 25: Pétale : forme

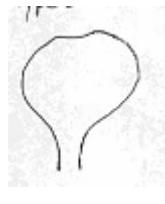
to place the petal in a flat position (first crown of petal)  
placer le pétale à plat (1<sup>er</sup> rang de pétales)



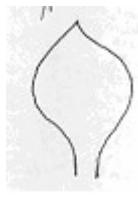
1  
Type 1  
Type 1



2  
Type 2  
Type 2

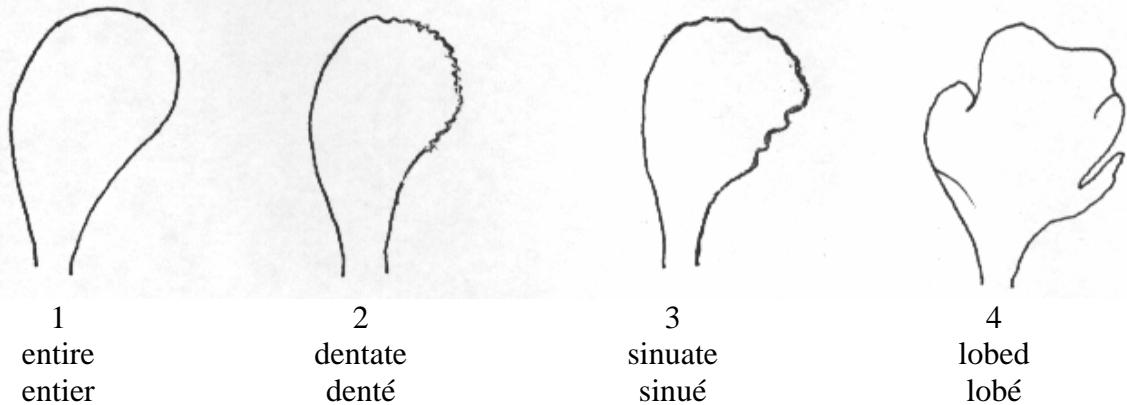


3  
Type 3  
Type 3



4  
Type 4  
Type 4

Ad. 26: Petal: margin of blade  
Add. 26: Pétale : bord du limbe



Ad. 27: Flower: main color of upper side of petal  
Add. 27: Fleur: couleur principale de la face supérieure du pétale

color with the largest surface area  
couleur de la plus grande surface

Ad. 28: Flower: secondary color of upper side of petal  
Add. 28: Fleur: couleur secondaire de la face supérieure du pétale

color with the second largest area  
couleur de la 2ème plus grande zone



1  
absent



2  
present

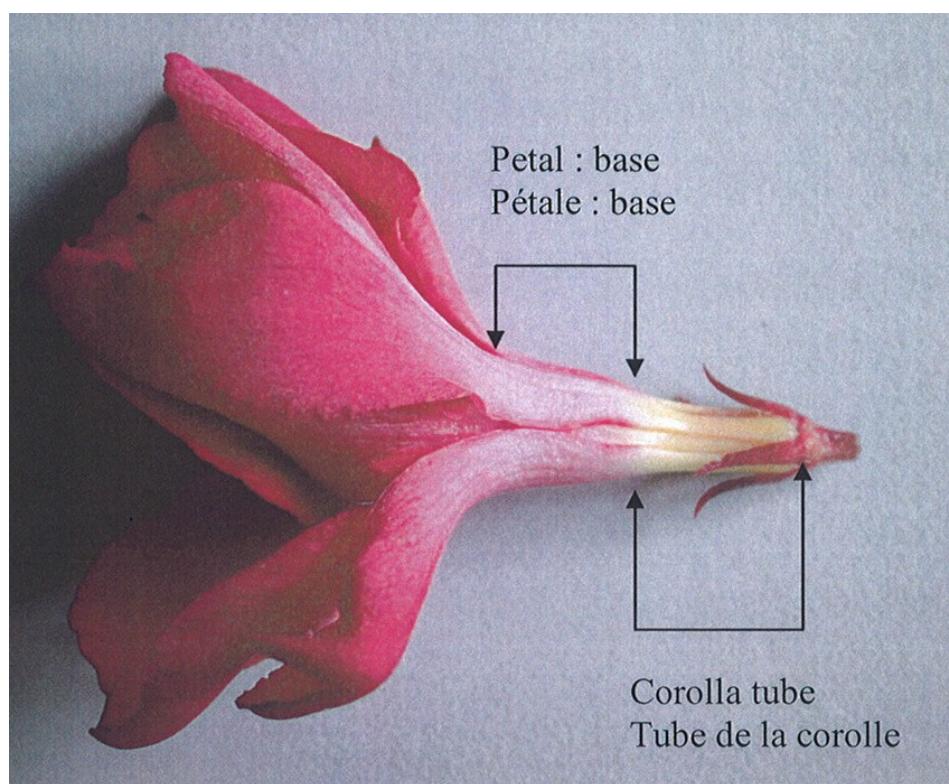
Ad. 31: Petal: intensification of color on left of upper side

Add. 31: Pétale: intensification de la couleur sur le côté gauche de la face externe



Ad. 32: Petal: color at base of outer side

Add. 32: Pétale: couleur de la base de la face externe



Ad. 35: Corolla tube: diameter

Add. 35: Tube de la corolle: diameter

petaloids should be removed

les pétaloïdes doivent être enlevés

FR proposal: to replace corolla tube by corolla throat



Ad. 40: Corolla tube: color of inner side

petaloids should be removed

Ad. 41: Corolla tube: color of base of inner side

petaloids should be removed

Ad. 43: Stamens: extrusion of plumose appendix of anther

[TO BE PROVIDED]

Ad. 46: Sepals: position in relation to corolla tube

Add. 46: Sépales: position par rapport au tube de la corolle



1  
adpressed or  
slightly reflexed  
appliqué ou  
faiblement écarté



2  
moderately reflexed  
modérément écarté



3  
strongly reflexed  
fortement écarté

Ad. 51: Fruit: shape  
Add. 51: Fruit: forme



1  
straight  
droite



2  
curved  
courbée



3  
sinusoidal  
sinusoïdale

9. Literature

Eggenberger, R. & M. H., 1996: The Handbook on Oleanders. Tropical Plant Specialist, Cleveland, Georgia, US.

1991: Oleanders, Guide to culture and selected varieties on Galveston Island. International Oleander Society, Galveston, Texas, US.

Pagen F.J.J., 1987: Oleanders, *Nerium L.* and the oleander cultivars. Agricultural University Wageningen Papers, 87-2, NL.

Pépinière Filippi, 1997: Guide de Reconnaissance des Lauriers-roses. Mèze, Hérault, FR.

10. Technical Questionnaire

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
		Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE</b> to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights</p>		
1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire		
1.1 Botanical name	<i>Nerium oleander L.</i>	
1.2 Common name	Oleander	
2. Applicant		
Name		
Address		
Telephone No.		
Fax No.		
E-mail address		
Breeder (if different from applicant)		
3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference		
Proposed denomination (if available)		
Breeder's reference		

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
-------------------------	-----------------	-------------------

#4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety

4.1 Breeding scheme

Variety resulting from:

4.1.1 Crossing

- (a) controlled cross [ ]  
(please state parent varieties)
- (b) partially known cross [ ]  
(please state known parent variety(ies))
- (c) unknown cross [ ]

4.1.2 Mutation [ ]  
(please state parent variety)

4.1.3 Discovery and development [ ]  
(please state where and when discovered  
and how developed)

4.1.4 Other [ ]  
(please provide details)

4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Vegetative propagation

- (a) rootstock [ ]  
(please indicate rootstock used)

- (b) *in vitro* propagation [ ]
- (c) other (state method) [ ]

4.2.2 Other [ ]  
(please provide details)

\* Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
<b>5. Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the number in brackets refers to the corresponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please mark the note which best corresponds).</b>		
<b>5.1 Plant: growth type</b> (1)		
dwarf	Petite Pink, Petite Red	1[ ]
normal	Alassio, Altini	2[ ]
<b>5.2 Plant: growth habit</b> (2)		
upright	Belle Hélène	1[ ]
semi-upright	Fiesta Pink	2[ ]
spreading	Altini	3[ ]
<b>5.3 Flower: color</b> (19)		
whitish	Alsace, Mont blanc, Petite white	1[ ]
yellow	Isle of Capri, Luteum Plenum	2[ ]
light orange	Angiolo Pucci	3[ ]
light orange pink	Hawaïi, Mrs Roeding, Tito Poggi	4[ ]
light pink	East End Pink, Magaly	5[ ]
medium to dark pink	Alassio, Emilie, Roseum plenum	6[ ]
pink red	JR 95-1, Commandant Barthélémy	7[ ]
red	Altini, Petite Red, Tamouré	8[ ]
light violet	Barcelona	9[ ]

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:	
Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note	
<b>5.4 Flower: number of whorls of petals (20)</b>			
one	Emilie	1[ ]	
more than one	Mrs Roeding, Professeur Granel,	2[ ]	
6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties			
<i>Please use the following table and box for comments to provide information on how your candidate variety differs from the variety (or varieties) which, to the best of your knowledge, is (or are) most similar. This information may help the examination authority to conduct its examination of distinctness in a more efficient way.</i>			
Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to your candidate variety	Characteristic(s) in which your candidate variety differs from the similar variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for the <b>similar</b> variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for <b>your</b> candidate variety
<i>Example</i>	<i>Flower color</i>	<i>orange</i>	<i>orange red</i>
Comments:			

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>#7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety</p> <p>7.1 In addition to the information provided in sections 5 and 6, are there any additional characteristics which may help to distinguish the variety?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.3 Other information</p> <p>7.3.1 Resistance to pests and diseases</p> <p>7.3.2 Conditions for examining the variety</p> <p>(a) in the open [ ]</p> <p>(b) in pots [ ]</p> <p>7.3.3 A representative color photograph of the variety should accompany the Technical Questionnaire.</p> <p>8. Authorization for release</p> <p>(a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>(b) Has such authorization been obtained?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.</p>		

\* Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
-------------------------	-----------------	-------------------

9. Information on plant material to be examined or submitted for examination.

9.1 The expression of a characteristic or several characteristics of a variety may be affected by factors, such as pests and disease, chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardants or pesticides), effects of tissue culture, different rootstocks, scions taken from different growth phases of a tree, etc.

9.2 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If the plant material has undergone such treatment, full details of the treatment must be given. In this respect, please indicate below, to the best of your knowledge, if the plant material to be examined has been subjected to:

- |   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| (a) Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma)    | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |
| (b) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |
| (c) Tissue culture  | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |
| (d) Other factors   | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |

Please provide details for where you have indicated "yes".

.....

9.3 Has the plant material to be examined been tested for the presence of virus or other pathogens?

Yes [ ]

(please provide details as specified by the Authority)

No [ ]

10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:

Applicant's name

Signature  Date