

Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees **TWO/52/2****Fifty-Second 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” for consideration by the fifty-second session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO).

[Annex follows]

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Fifty-Second Session

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Office of the Union

Hosted by the Netherlands, June 8 to 12, 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 in March, April and May was cancelled.
- **Events and meetings** organized or co-organized by UPOV in Geneva
 - All events and meetings organized or co-organized by UPOV in Geneva during March, April and May took place by electronic means, or were postponed or cancelled. Participants have been notified accordingly.

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- **Events and meetings** organized or co-organized by UPOV **outside Geneva**
 - The Office of the Union will monitor the situation on a case by case basis, including in particular with each host of Technical Working Parties (TWPs), the TWP Chairpersons and the TC Chairperson. Further information will be provided in due course on any necessary measures and/or alternative arrangements for the meetings.
 - UPOV will continue to monitor the evolving situation and take all measures to ensure we align our activities with recommendations from local, regional and international authorities.

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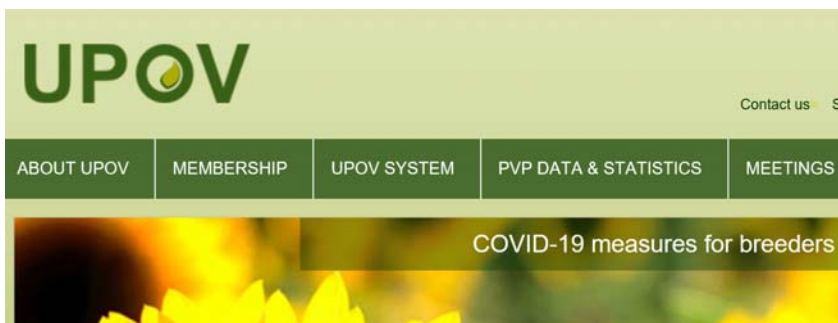
DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2020

MARCH	Tuesday, 24 and Wednesday, 25	Enlarged Editorial Committee	Geneva, Switzerland
	Thursday, 26 (afternoon)	Meeting on the Development of an Electronic Application Form	Geneva, Switzerland
MAY	Monday, 11 to Friday, 15	Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV)	Organized by electronic means
JUNE	Monday, 8 to Friday, 12	Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO)	
	Monday, 22 to Friday, 26	Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA)	
JULY	Monday, 6 to Friday, 10	Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF)	
SEPTEMBER	Monday, 21 to Friday, 25	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)	Alexandria, United States of America
OCTOBER	Sunday, 25 and Monday, 26 (evening)	Enlarged Editorial Committee	Geneva, Switzerland
	Monday, 26 and Tuesday, 27	Technical Committee	Geneva, Switzerland
	Monday, 26 (evening)	Meeting on the Development of an Electronic Application Form	Geneva, Switzerland
	Wednesday, 28	Administrative and Legal Committee	Geneva, Switzerland
	Thursday, 29	Consultative Committee	Geneva, Switzerland
	Friday, 30	Council	Geneva, Switzerland

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

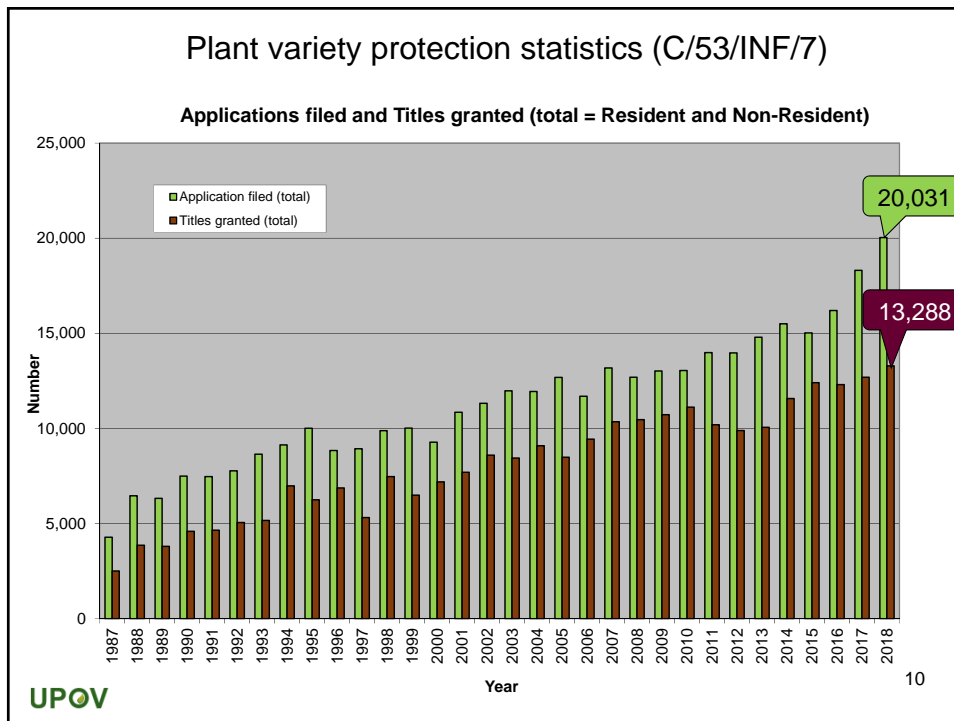
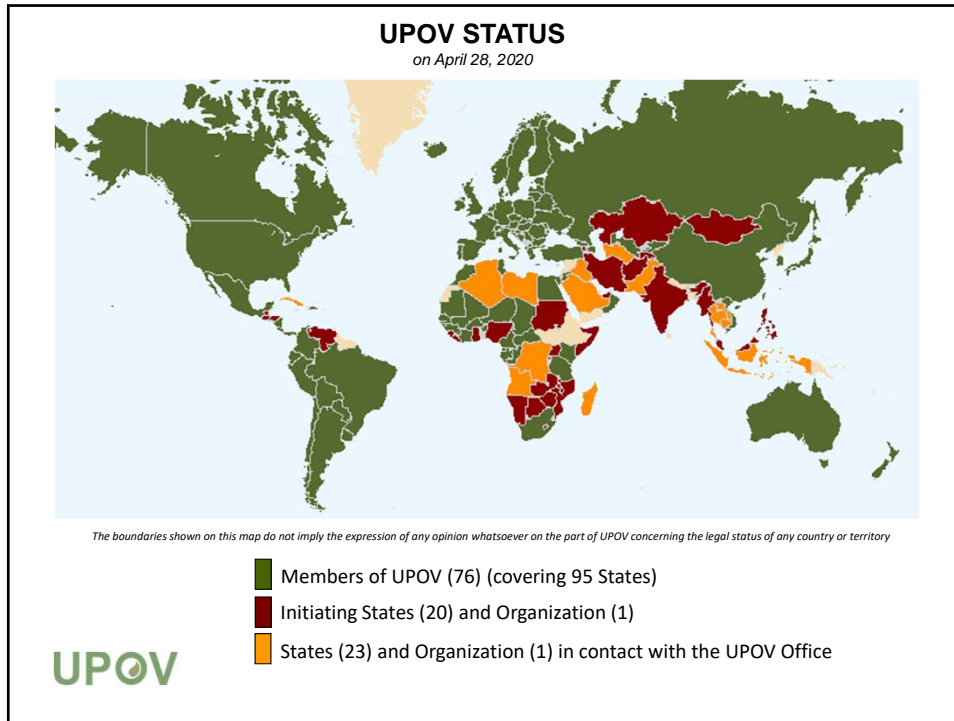


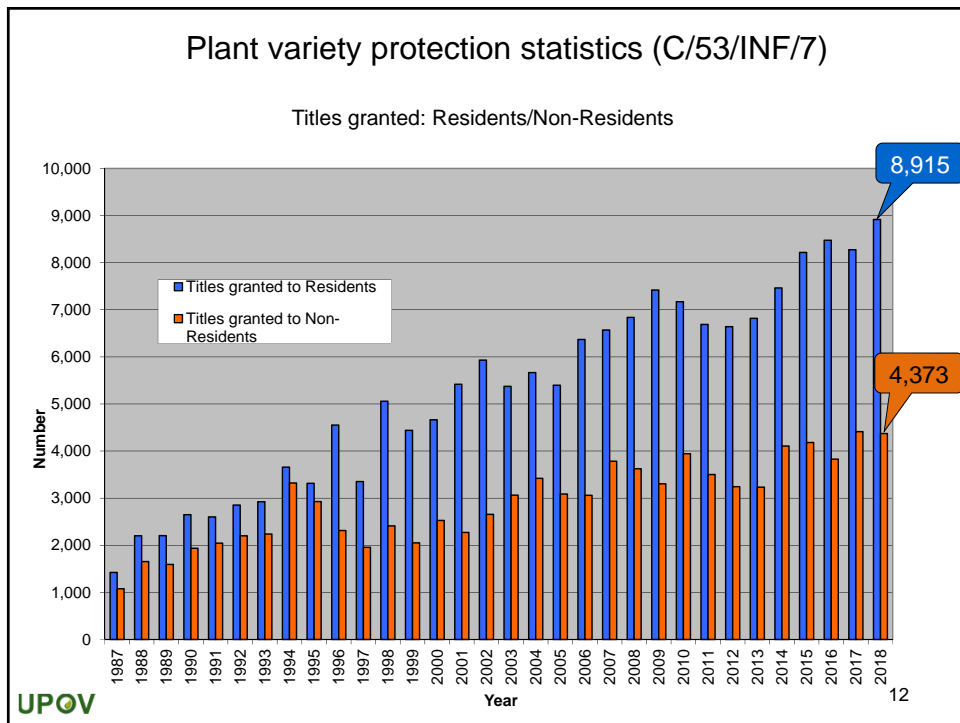
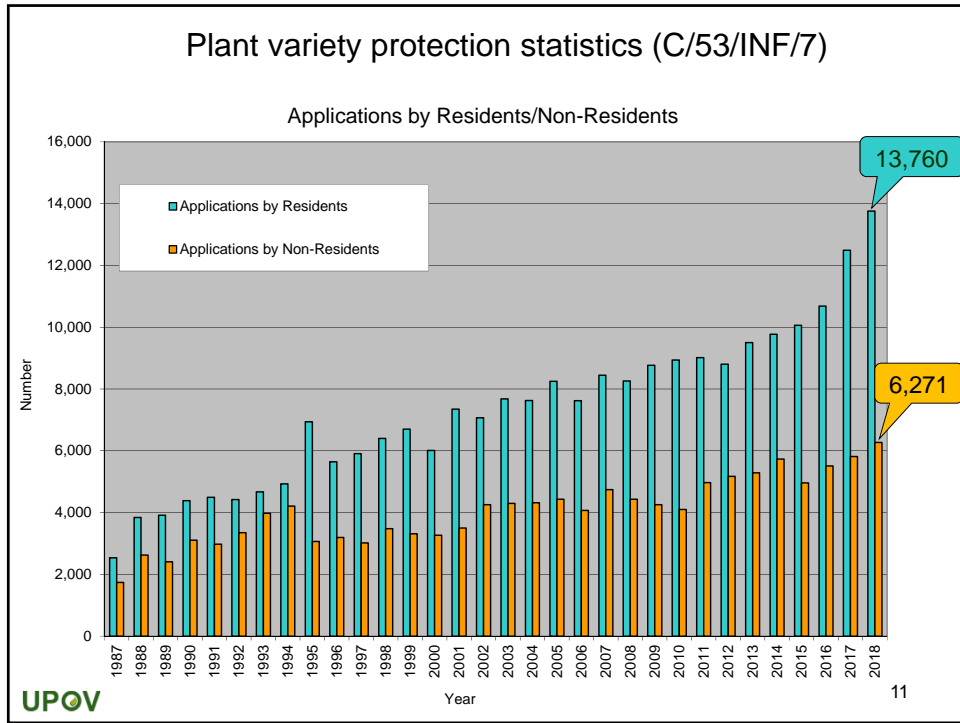
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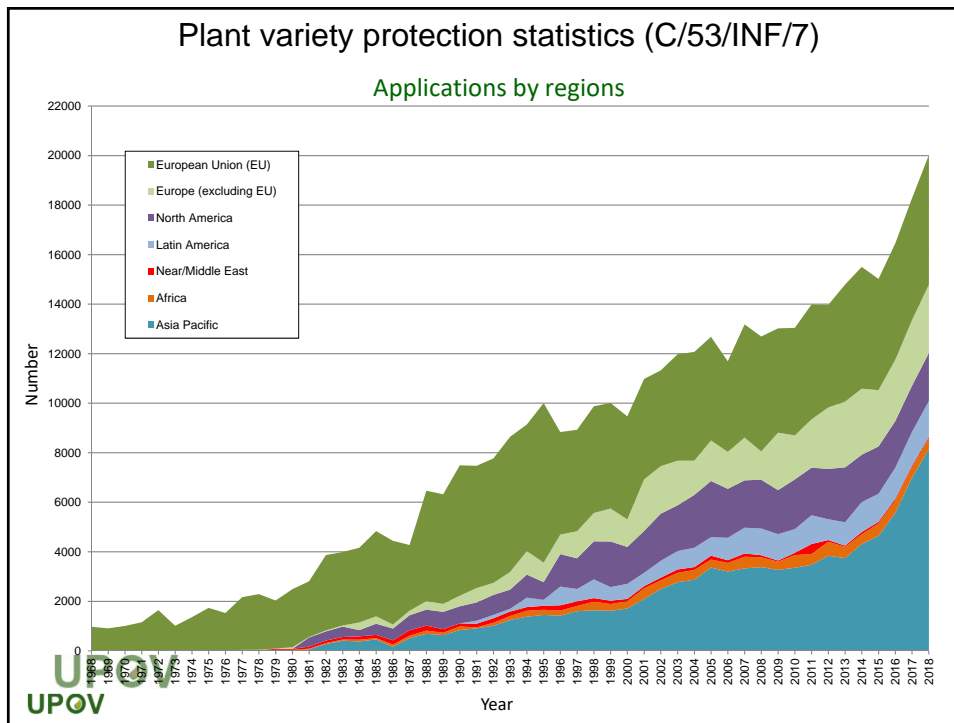
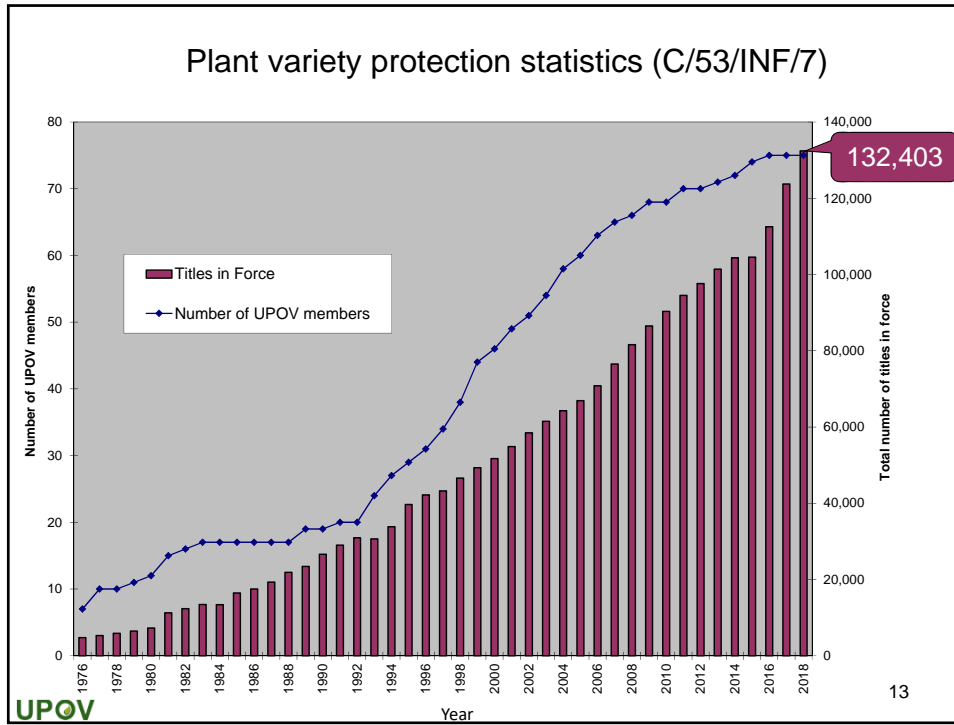
The screenshot shows the UPOV website's 'ABOUT UPOV' page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Contact us', 'Site map', 'YouTube', 'Twitter', and 'LinkedIn'. Below this is a main navigation menu with tabs for 'ABOUT UPOV', 'MEMBERSHIP', 'UPOV SYSTEM', 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS', 'MEETINGS', and 'NEWS'. The page content includes a breadcrumb trail 'HOME > ABOUT UPOV >', a main heading 'COVID-19 measures for breeders', and a paragraph stating that UPOV has created this webpage to assist breeders. A disclaimer follows, advising that the page is not an official source of information and that specific measures should be contacted through the relevant authority. Below this, there are sections for 'INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS' ORGANIZATIONS' and 'UPOV MEMBERS', each with a list of links to member websites. On the right side, there is a graphic for 'UPOV PRISMA' with a circular diagram of icons, and text explaining that PRISMA is an online service for making Plant Variety Protection applications.

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UPOV Statistics on UPOV website

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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 text about UPOV's mission. On the right side, there are several sections: 'Stakeholder features' (listing Breeders, Farmers and Growers, Policy makers, and General Public), 'UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool', 'GENIE Database', 'UPOV Lex', and 'Plant Variety Database (PLUTO)'. At the bottom right, a 'Quick Links' section lists: '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. The UPOV logo is at the bottom left, and the page number '18' is at the bottom right.

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)**

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The screenshot shows the UPOV website homepage. At the top left, there is a banner for "UPOV Distance Learning Courses: Registration open" with a background image of sunflowers. Below this is a "Welcome" section with introductory text about UPOV. On the right side, there is a "Stakeholder features" section listing "Breeders", "Farmers and Growers", "Policy makers", and "General Public". Below that are icons for "UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool", "GENE Database", "UPOV Lex", and "Plant Variety Database (PLUTO)". A "Quick Links" section at the bottom right lists: "Introduction to UPOV", "Benefits of UPOV", "UPOV Collection", "UPOV PRISMA (Information)", "Test Guidelines", "Distance Learning Courses", "Seminars & Symposia", and "FAQs". A diagonal banner across the bottom of the screenshot reads "Benefits of UPOV".

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Benefits of UPOV

The grid contains the following video thumbnails:

- Japan (UPOV): Tsuyahime Rice** - UPOV THE SECRET OF ITS SUCCESS. A new rice variety bringing increased income for farmers in Japan.
- Kenya (UPOV): 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 850,000 Kenyans.
- Canada (UPOV): Canadian cherry growers benefit from government policy** - UPOV. See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.
- Japan (UPOV): PVP in Japan (Ashi...** - The story of a group of smallholder rice farmers that used PVP to develop an international brand business.
- China (UPOV): Celebration of the 1...** - Celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the accession of China to UPOV Convention.
- Colombia (UPOV): UPOV system bringing benefits for agriculture in Colombia** - DERECHOS OBTENTADOS EN COLOMBIA. See how the UPOV system is supporting agriculture and promoting rural development through new improved varieties, with examples of sugar beet and ornamentals.
- Argentina (UPOV): Using the UPOV...** - Using the UPOV system to benefit custodians of native wild germplasm in Argentina.
- Ecuador (UPOV): PVP in Ecuador** - The role of PVP in the development of a new bioactive variety that improves farmers' working conditions.
- Uruguay (UPOV): Plant variety prot...** - How PVP enabled a public breeder to ensure a supply of high quality onion seed for farmers.

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.

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The image shows a screenshot of the UPOV LinkedIn company page. At the top right is the LinkedIn logo. Below it is the URL: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/upov-official/>. The page header includes a search bar and navigation icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, Messaging, Notifications, and Me. A blue banner at the top of the page reads "You are viewing this page as a member" with a "View as admin" button. The main content area features a large sunflower image. Below the image is the UPOV logo and the text: "International Union for the Protection of New... International Affairs - Geneva - 127 followers". A description states: "Encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society." There are buttons for "Follow" and "Visit website". To the right, it says "CHAO & 4 other connections work here" and "See all 8 employees on LinkedIn". Below the main content are sections for "Home", "Updates", and "Affiliated pages". The "Updates" section shows a post from UPOV: "International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants 127 followers 10mo See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian farmers farmers". The "Affiliated pages" section lists "UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool Government Relations 106 followers". At the bottom left, the UPOV logo is displayed again.

The image is a collage of social media posts and technical documents related to UPOV. At the top, the text reads "UPOV on Social Media (focus on Technical matters)". Below this is a Twitter header for "UPOV on Twitter" with the handle "@UPOVint". The collage includes several tweets and documents:

- A tweet from Peter Button (@vsigupov) dated 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...)"
- A tweet from UPOV (@UPOVint) dated Aug 29: "The #UPOV Council has taken a positive decision on conformity of the Draft Law on #PlantVarietyProtection of #Nigeria with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. If adopted and brought in force without changes, Nigeria can become a UPOV member." This tweet includes a world map with a magnifying glass over Nigeria and a link to upov.int/news/en/press...
- A tweet from Peter Button (@vsigupov) dated Sep 11: "Great to see #SAACongress2019 poster on application of @UPOVint DNA model for more efficient #DUS testing of soybean @innoargentina. Hope there will be more information at BMT meeting. #SAAseed2019 #SEEDCongress2019"
- A technical document titled "Use of SNP markers for soybean variety protection purposes in Argentina" with logos for UPOV, INIA, and INTA.
- A pie chart titled "Structure of agricultural output" showing various agricultural products and their percentages.
- Images of fruit crops: cherries and peaches.

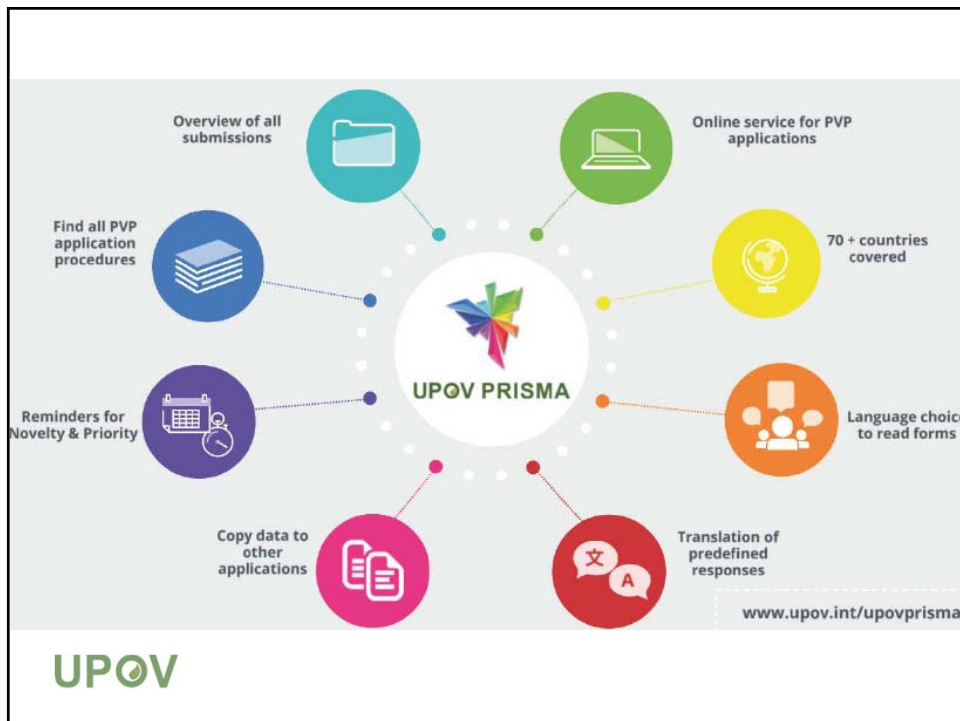
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Online PBR Application Tool

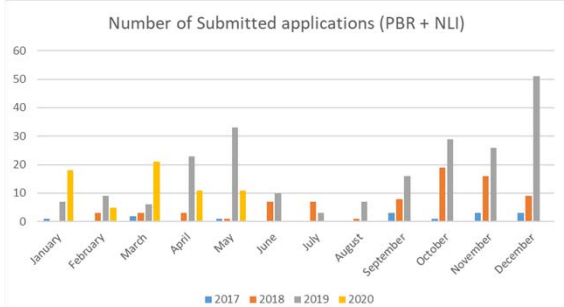


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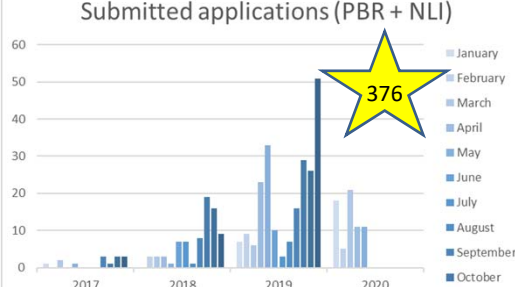
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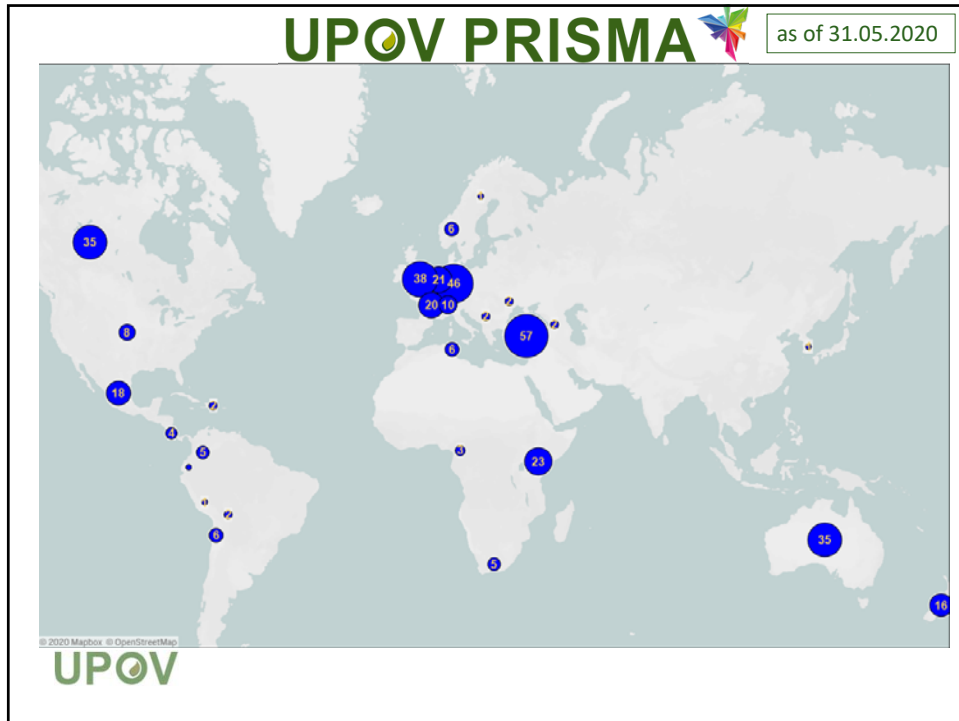
Number of Submitted applications (PBR + NLI)




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