

## Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees

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## Fifty-Seventh Session

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
- Matters for discussion
3. Procedures for DUS examination (presentations invited)
4. Document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines” (revision)
  - Situations where illustrations could complement or replace example varieties (document to be prepared by Germany in collaboration with Canada, Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and United Kingdom)
5. Document TGP/5 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”, Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description” (Revision) (draft 1))
  - Additional explanations for “UPOV report on technical examination and UPOV variety description”
6. Information required to enhance the use of existing DUS test reports (presentations invited)
  - Exchange of DUS reports when asterisked characteristics cannot be observed (presentations invited)
7. Report on court cases dealing with technical matters (presentation from the European Union and presentations invited)
8. Molecular techniques in DUS examination (presentations invited)
  - (a) Harnessing molecular data to support DUS testing in ornamentals: a case-study on *Hydrangea* (Presentation from France)
  - (b) Reports on existing policies on confidentiality of molecular information (presentations invited)
  - (c) Guidelines for the validation of characteristic-specific molecular marker protocol (document to be prepared by France and the Netherlands)
9. Information databases (presentations invited)
  - Information on cooperation agreements for DUS examination (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
10. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)

## 11. Test Guidelines

- (a) Additional characteristics and states of expression (reports invited)
- (b) Technical Committee subgroup on Test Guidelines (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)

Full draft Test Guidelines

- \*Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba* L.) (document TG/GINKG\_BIL(proj.2)) (China to prepare a document)
- Helleborus (*Helleborus* L.) (NEW) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)
- Lotus (*Nelumbo* Adans.) (document TG/NELUM(proj.2)) (China to prepare a document)
- \*Magnolia (*Magnolia* L.) (document TG/MAGNO(proj.5)) (China to prepare a document)
- Pot Azalea (*Rhododendron simsii* Planch.) and Rhododendron (*Rhododendron* L.) (Revision to combine TGs) (documents TG/42/6 and TG/140/4 Corr.) (Germany to prepare a document)
- \*Zantedeschia (*Zantedeschia* Spreng.) (Revision) (document TG/177/4(proj.1)) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)

Partial revisions

- Aloe (*Aloe* L.) (Partial revision: addressing different flowering times in flowering characteristics) (document TG/310/1) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)
- Carnation (*Dianthus* L.) (Partial revision: addition of new characteristics for description of *Dianthus barbatus* types) (document TG/25/9) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)

## 12. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines

## 13. Date and place of the next session

## 14. Future program

## 15. Adoption of the report of the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

## 16. Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)

## 17. Report on developments in UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)

## 18. Closing of the session

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