

**Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees** TWO/58/1

**Fifty-Eighth Session**  
**Virtual meeting, July 6 to 9, 2026**

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda

Matters for discussion

3. Development of guidance and information materials (document to be prepared by the Office)
  - number of growing cycles and concluding examination
4. Procedures for DUS examination (presentations invited)
5. Notification of additional characteristics and states of expression (presentations invited)
6. Support for drafting national test guidelines (presentations invited on characteristics, approaches or challenges relevant for national test guidelines)
7. Measures to improve support provided for DUS examination
  - Possible Measures on Test Guidelines and online tool for drafting TGs (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
8. Molecular techniques in DUS examination (presentations invited)
9. Information databases (presentations invited)
10. Report on court cases dealing with technical matters (presentations invited)
11. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)
12. Discussion on draft Test Guidelines (Subgroups)

Full draft Test Guidelines

- \*Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba* L.) (document TG/GINKG\_BIL(proj.3) Corr.) (China to prepare a document)
- \*Helleborus (*Helleborus* L.) (document TG/HELLE(proj.1) Corr.) (United Kingdom to prepare a document)
- Lotus (*Nelumbo* Adans.) (document TG/NELUM(proj.3) Corr.) (China to prepare a document)
- \*Magnolia (*Magnolia* L.) (document TG/MAGNO(proj.6) Corr.) (China to prepare a document)
- Ornamental Apple (*Malus* Mill.) (Revision) (document TG/192/1) (China to prepare a document)
- \*Pot Azalea (*Rhododendron simsii* Planch.) and Rhododendron (*Rhododendron* L.) (Revision to combine TGs) (document TG/42/7-TG/140/5(proj.1) Corr.) (Germany to prepare a document)
- \*Zantedeschia (*Zantedeschia* Spreng.) (Revision) (document TG/177/4(proj.2) Corr.) (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)
- 13. Technical Questionnaire, section 4.2: "Method of propagating the variety" (document to be prepared by the Office)
- 14. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines
- 15. Date and place of the next session
- 16. Future program
- 17. Adoption of the report of the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

- 18. Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)
- 19. Report on developments within UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)
- 20. Closing of the session

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