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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-fourth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV).

[Annex follows]

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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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 is 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 and April are taking place by electronic means, or will be 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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COVID-19 measures

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



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The screenshot shows the UPOV website with a green header and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "COVID-19 measures for breeders" and includes a disclaimer, a list of international breeders' organizations (CIOPORA), and a list of UPOV members (Australia, China, Ecuador, European Union, France, Mexico, Singapore). There is also a section for UPOV PRISMA, an online service for making Plant Variety Protection applications.

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COVID-19 measures for breeders

UPOV has created this webpage with links to resources and measures to assist breeders in relation to plant variety protection matters in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disclaimer: This webpage does not constitute the official source of information for COVID-19 pandemic matters for members of the Union. To obtain further information on any specific measure or details on the status of plant variety protection matters, please contact the relevant authority of the member of the Union concerned at http://www.upov.int/members/en/ipo_offices.html

INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Links to webpages provided to UPOV by international breeders' organizations in relation to resources available for breeders in the context COVID-19 pandemic are provided below.

- [International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties \(CIOPORA\)](#)

UPOV MEMBERS

Links provided by members of the Union to their webpages with measures on plant variety protection matters, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are provided below.

- Australia
 - [IP Rights](#)
 - [PBR FAQs](#)
- China
 - [PVP Office MARA \(Chinese\)](#)
 - [PVP Office NFGA \(Chinese\)](#)
- Ecuador
- European Union ([Community Plant Variety Office \(CPVO\)](#))
- France
- Mexico
- Singapore

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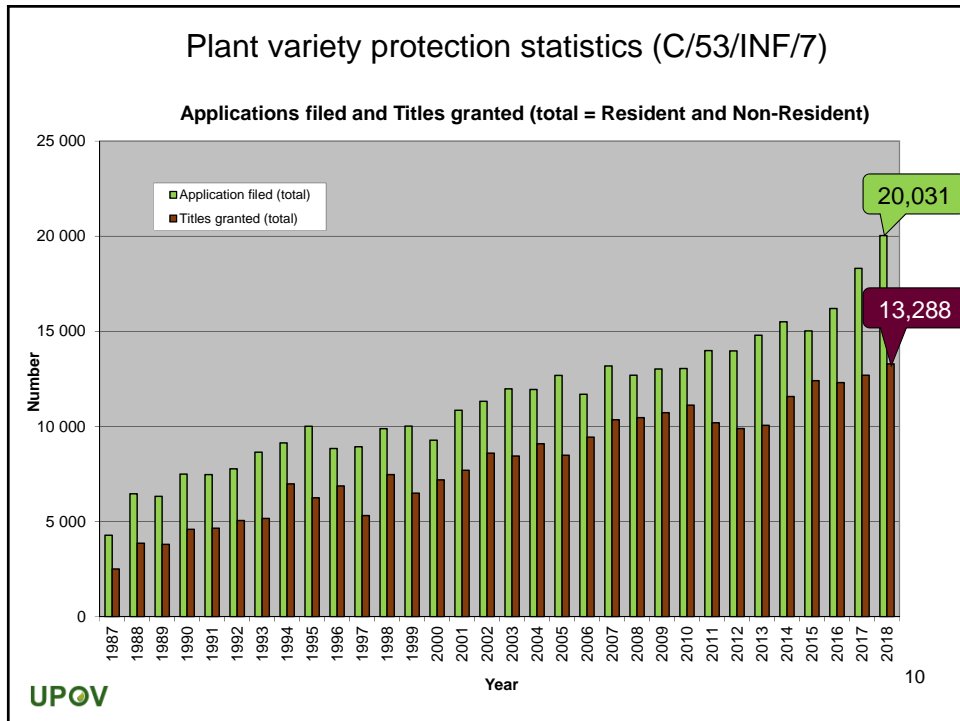
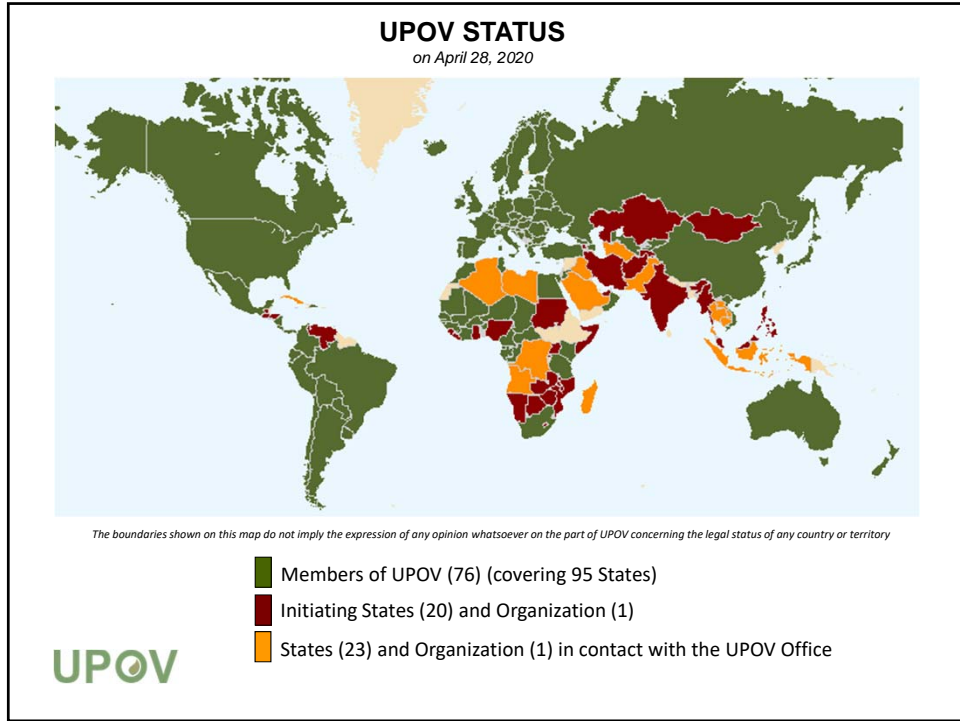
In the COVID-19 situation, an option for making online applications for plant variety protection may be even more relevant.

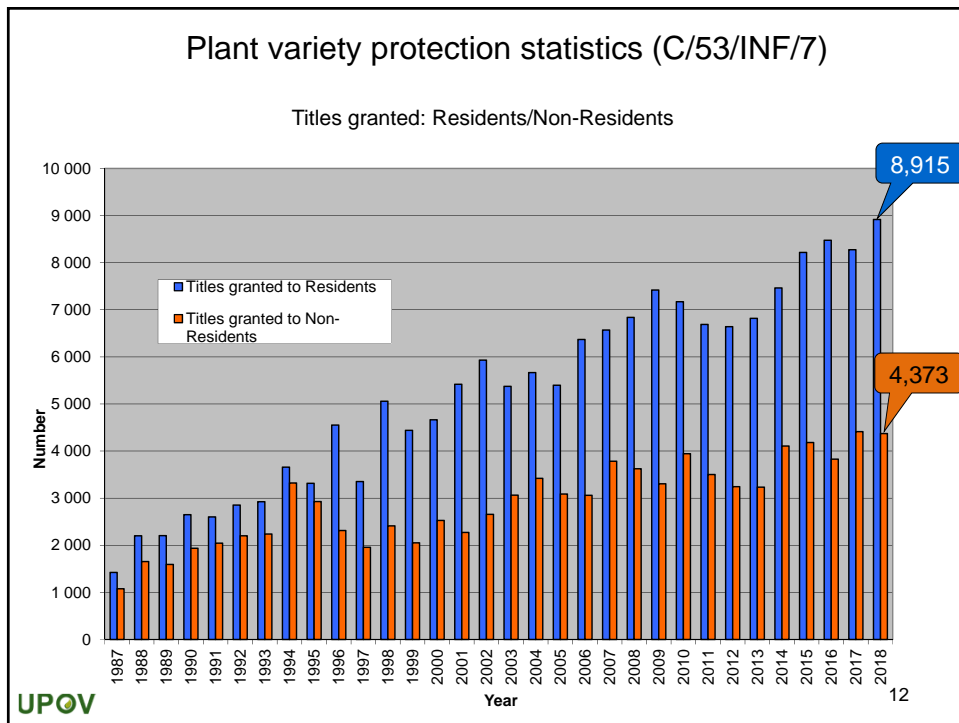
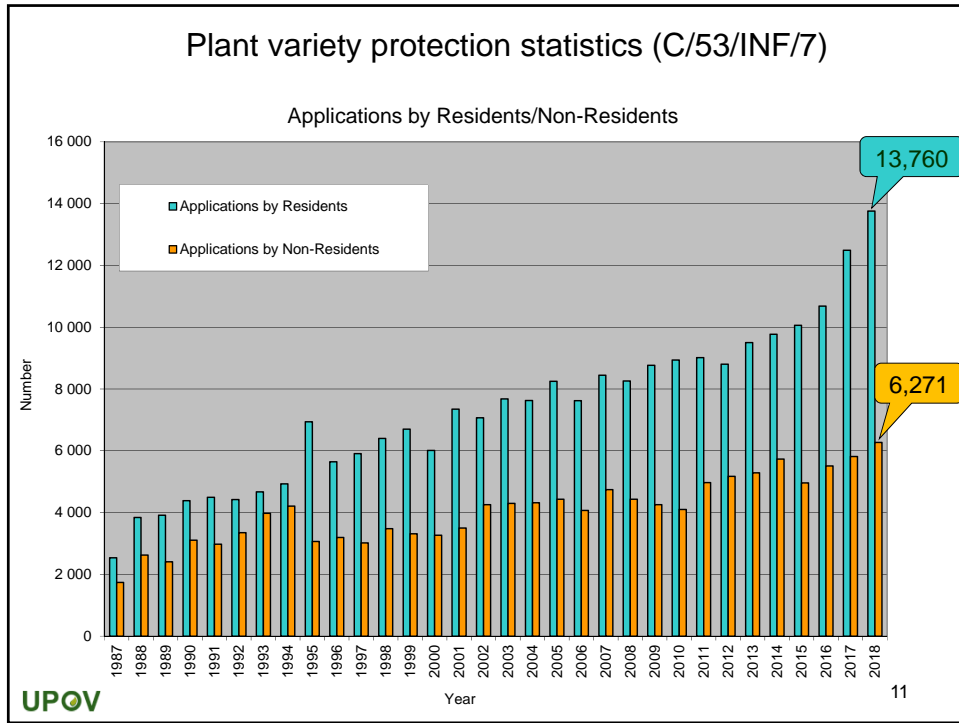
UPOV PRISMA is an online service to make Plant Variety Protection applications to participating UPOV members.

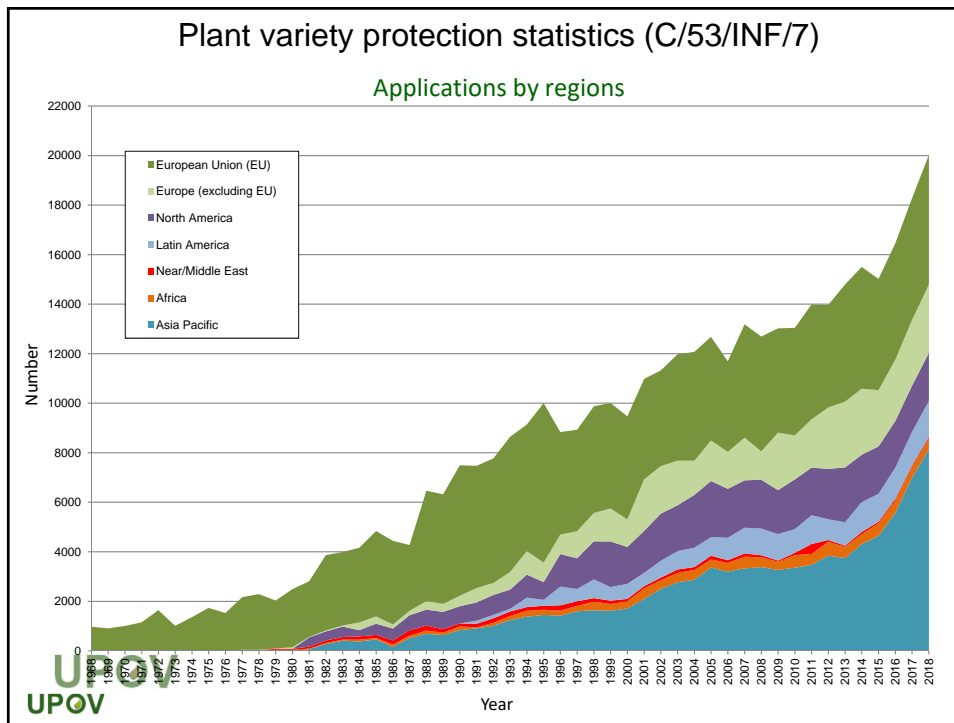
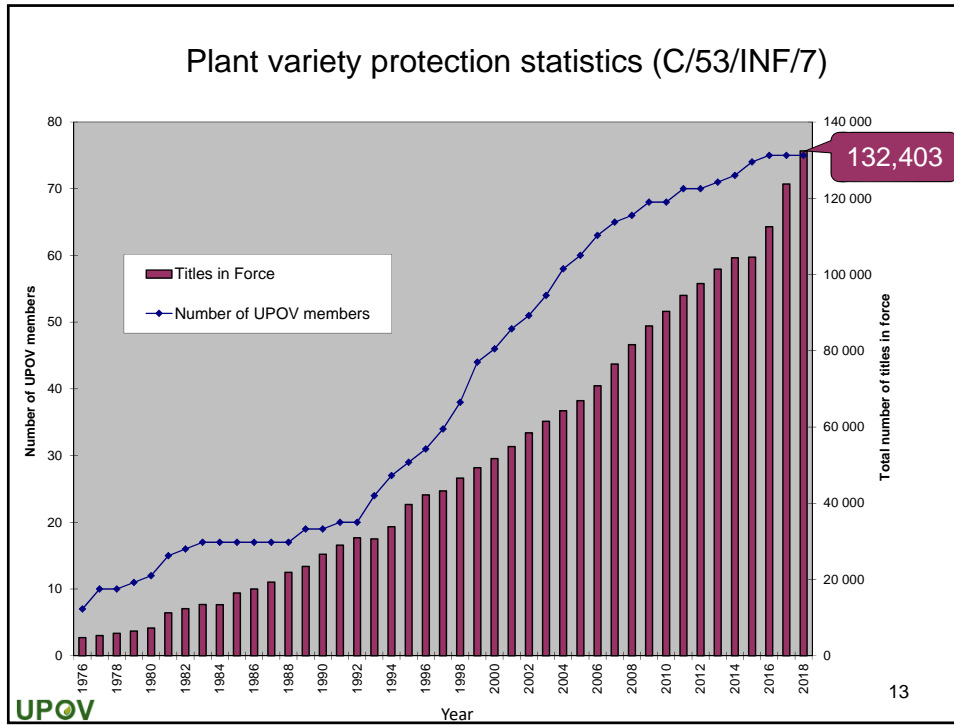
You can find out more [here](#) or send us message: prisma@upov.int

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UPOV's mission is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

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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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Benefits of UPOV

- Japan: Tsuyahime Rice**
A new rice variety bringing increased income for farmers in Japan.
[Alternative link](#)
- Kenya: Rose Industry Blooming**
Discover how the UPOV system enabled Kenya to develop a \$500 million cut flower industry that employs 300,000 Kenyans.
[Alternative link](#)
- Canada: Canadian cherry growers benefit from government policy**
See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.
[Living Version](#)
[Alternative link](#)
- Japan: PVP in Japan (Ashiro Rindo)**
The story of a group of ashirohime rice farmers that used PVP to develop an international Super business.
[Audio for all versions](#)
[Alternative link](#)
- China: Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the accession of China to UPOV Convention**
[Alternative link](#)
- Colombia: UPOV system bringing benefits for agriculture in Colombia**
See how the UPOV system is supporting agriculture and promoting rural development through new improved varieties, with examples of legal seed and ornamentals.
[Alternative link](#)
- Argentina: Using the UPOV system to benefit custodians of native wild germplasm in Argentina**
[Alternative link](#)
- Ecuador: PVP in Ecuador**
The role of PVP in the development of a new blackberry variety that improves berry's marketing conditions.
[Alternative link](#)
- Uruguay: Plant variety protection**
How PVP enabled a public breeder to ensure a supply of high quality onion seed to farmers.
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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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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/upov-official/>






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See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian farmers.


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Government Relations
106 followers


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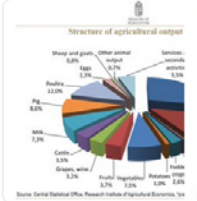



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Peter Button @vsigupov · Jul 5


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...)

UPOV @UPOVint · 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.


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Peter Button @vsigupov · Sep 11

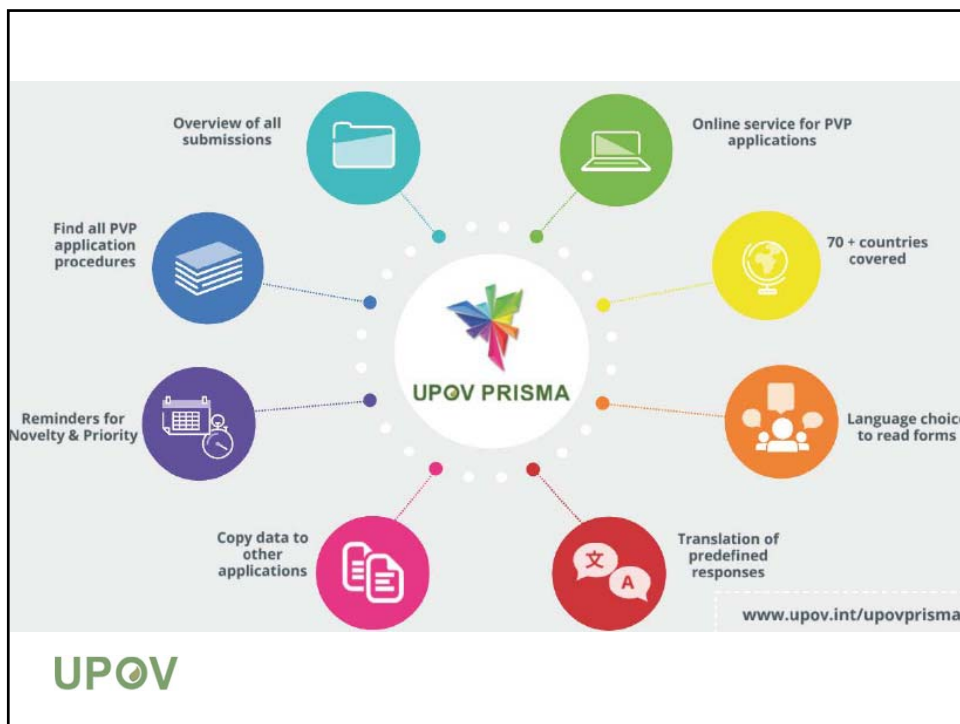
Great to see #SAACongress2019 poster on application of @UPOVint DNA model for more efficient #DUS testing of soybean @inaseargentina. Hope there will be more information at BMT meeting. #SAAseed2019 #SAACongress2019








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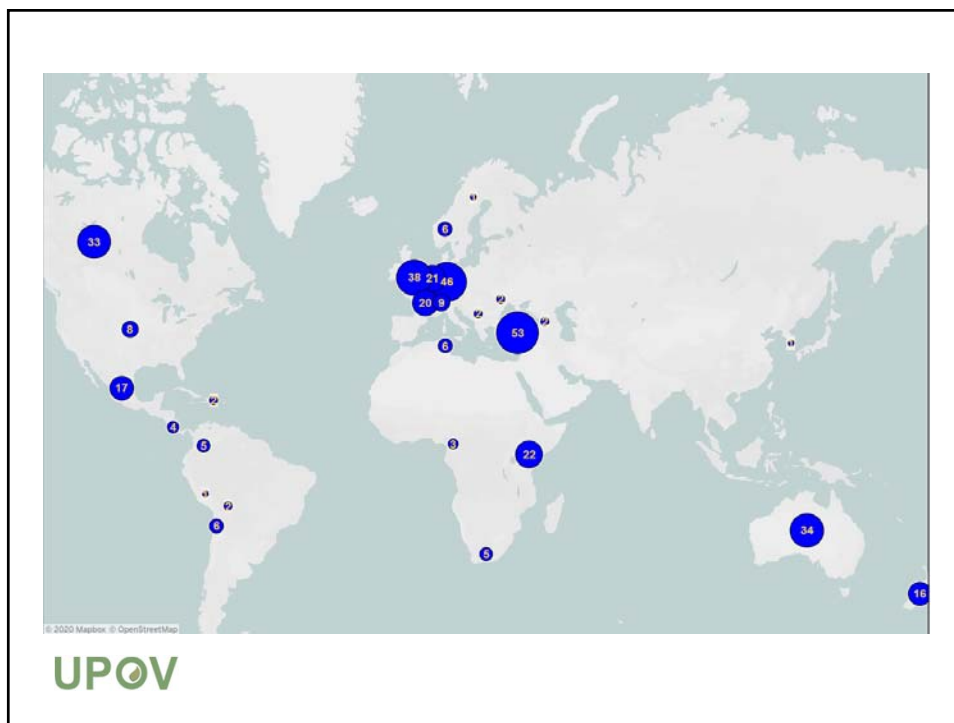
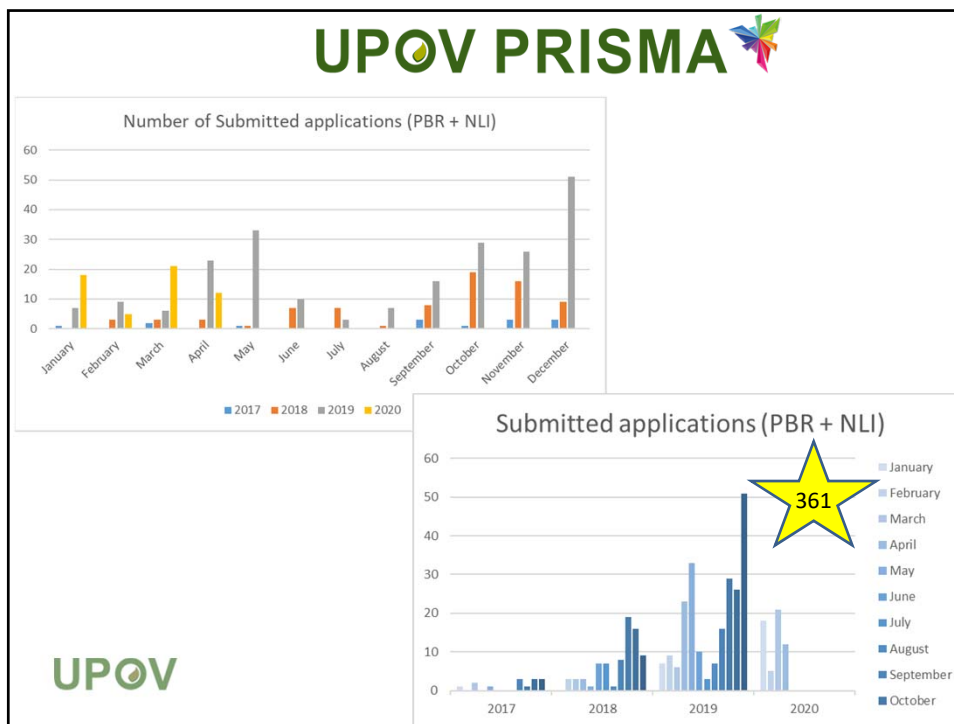


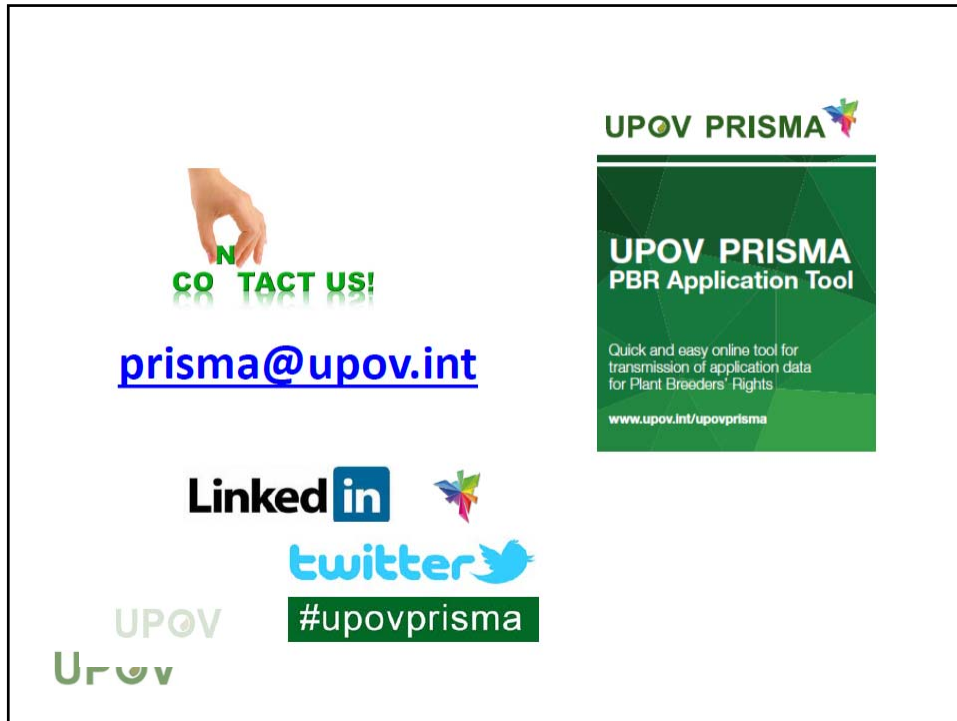
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Online PBR Application Tool



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The graphic is a promotional poster for the UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool. It features a hand holding a green letter 'N' above the text 'CONTACT US!' in green. Below this is the email address 'prisma@upov.int' in blue. To the right is a green box with the text 'UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool' and a description: 'Quick and easy online tool for transmission of application data for Plant Breeders' Rights' and the website 'www.upov.int/upovprisma'. At the bottom are the LinkedIn and Twitter logos, the hashtag '#upovprisma' in a green box, and the UPOV logo.

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