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**DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION MATERIALS**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

 The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the development of guidance and information materials.

Program for the development of guidance and relevant information materials

 The TWPs are invited to note the program for the development of relevant guidance and information materials, as set out in Annexes I and II to this document.

Documents for adoption in 2021

 The TWPs are invited to note that:

 (a) matters concerning the revision of document UPOV/INF/12 “Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention” are reported in document TWP/5/6.

 (b) matters concerning the revision of document UPOV/INF/17 “Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction (‘BMT Guidelines’)” are considered in documents UPOV/INF/17/2 Draft 5 and TWP/5/7.

 (c) matters concerning the revision of document UPOV/INF/22 “Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union” are considered in document TWP/5/5.

 (d) matters concerning the development of document UPOV/INF/23 “UPOV Code System” will be considered in document TWP/5/4 “UPOV information and databases”.

Documents for adoption after 2021

 The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning the revision of document TGP/5 Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description” are considered in document TWP/5/14.

 The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning a possible future revision of document TGP/8 are considered in documents TWP/5/10 and TWP/5/11;

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ANNEX I: Program for the development of TGP documents

ANNEX II: Program for the development of information materials

 The following abbreviations are used in this document:

BMT: Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA-Profiling in Particular

CAJ: Administrative and Legal Committee

TC: Technical Committee

TC-EDC: Enlarged Editorial Committee

TWA: Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops

TWC: Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs

TWF: Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops

TWO: Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees

TWV: Technical Working Party for Vegetables

TWPs: Technical Working Parties

BACKGROUND

 The approved guidance and information materials are published on the UPOV website at <http://www.upov.int/upov_collection/en/>.

Program for the development of relevant guidance and information materials

 The TC, at its fifty-sixth session, and the CAJ, at its seventy-seventh session[[1]](#footnote-2), agreed the program for the development of TGP documents, as set out in Annexes I and II to this document (see document TC/56/23 “Report”, paragraphs 42 to 44, and document CAJ/77/9 “Outcome of consideration of documents by correspondence”, paragraphs 32 and 33).

 *The TWPs are invited to note the program for the development of relevant guidance and information materials, as set out in Annexes I and II to this document.*

Documents for adoption in 2021

 The following guidance and information materials were agreed to be proposed for adoption by the Council at its fifty‑fifth ordinary session, to be held in Geneva on October 29, 2021, subject to approval by the CAJ, at its seventy‑eighth session, to be held in Geneva on October 27, 2021:

## Review of document UPOV/INF/12 “Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention”

 See document TWP/5/6 “Variety denominations”.

 *The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning the revision of document UPOV/INF/12 “Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention” are reported in document TWP/5/6.*

## Revision of document UPOV/INF/17 “Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction (‘BMT Guidelines’)”

 See documents UPOV/INF/17/2 Draft 5 and TWP/5/7 “Molecular Techniques”.

 *The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning the Revision of document UPOV/INF/17 “Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction (‘BMT Guidelines’)” are considered in documents UPOV/INF/17/2 Draft 5 and TWP/5/7.*

## Revision of document UPOV/INF/22 “Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union”

 See document TWP/5/5 “Exchange and use of software and equipment”.

 *The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning the revision of document UPOV/INF/22 “Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union” are considered in document TWP/5/5.*

## Development of document UPOV/INF/23 “UPOV Code System”

 The CAJ, at its seventy-seventh session, approved the “Guide to the UPOV Code System”, on the basis of document UPOV/INF/23/1 Draft 1. The CAJ proposed that the TC consider a new draft of document UPOV/INF/23/1 “Guide to the UPOV Code System” in 2021 (see document CAJ/77/9 “Outcome of consideration of documents by correspondence”, paragraphs 26 and 27).

 The TWPs, at their sessions in 2021, will be invited to consider a draft of document UPOV/INF/23/1 “Guide to the UPOV Code System”. Further matters regarding the UPOV code system are presented in document TWP/5/4 “UPOV information and databases”.

 *The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning the development of document UPOV/INF/23 “UPOV Code System” will be considered in document TWP/5/4 “UPOV information and databases”.*

documents for adoption after 2021

TGP/5 Section 6: UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description

### Additional information to be included in DUS test reports

 See document TWP/5/14 “Revision of document TGP/5 Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description”.

### Testing facility and location

 See document TWP/5/14 “Revision of document TGP/5 Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description”.

 *The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning the revision of document TGP/5 Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description” are considered in document TWP/5/14.*

Document TGP/8: Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (Revision)

 Matters concerning a possible future revision of document TGP/8 are considered in the following documents:

*Data processing for the production of variety descriptions for measured quantitative characteristics*

See document TWP/5/10

*The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU)*

See document TWP/5/11

 *The TWPs are invited to note that matters concerning a possible future revision of document TGP/8 are considered in documents TWP/5/10 and TWP/5/11.*

[Annexes follow]



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1. Held via electronic means on October 28, 2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)