

Technical Working Party for Vegetables

Fifty-Fifth Session

Antalya, Turkey, May 3 to 7, 2021

Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees

Fifty-Third Session

Roelofarendsveen, Netherlands, June 7 to 11, 2021

Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops

Fiftieth Session

Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, June 21 to 25, 2021

Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops

Fifty-Second Session

Zhengzhou, China, July 12 to 16, 2021

Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs

Thirty-Ninth Session

Alexandria, United States of America, September 20 to 22, 2021

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**ADDENDUM TO
COOPERATION IN EXAMINATION***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 “Cooperation in examination” to be made by the Office of Union, at the Technical Working Parties and the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular in 2021.

[Annex follows]

Technical Working Parties in 2021

COOPERATION IN EXAMINATION

Documents TWP/5/9

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Document TWP/5/9

Purpose: report discussions on **possibilities to facilitate cooperation in DUS examination**, including exchange and use of test reports, variety description information, procedures for testing and collections of varieties.

2. The **TWPs are invited to note (1/3):** :

(a) that members of the Union have the possibility to **update information on a person(s) to be contacted** for matters concerning international cooperation in DUS examination by:

(i) updating information when invited to **provide information for document TC/[xx]/4 “List of genera and species for which authorities have practical experience in the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability”**; and/or

(ii) notifying the Office of the Union by sending an e-mail to upov.mail@upov.int;

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2. The TWPs are invited to note (2/3): :

(b) the development of a package of compatible IT tools to address the technical and related administrative concerns that prevent cooperation in DUS examination, as reported in paragraphs 7 to 12 of this document;

(c) that a presentation on the development of the “DUS Exchange Platform” and the “DUS Arrangement Tool” will be made to the TWPs, at their sessions in 2021;

(d) the developments concerning the web-based TG template to enable the drafting individual authorities’ test guidelines (IATG) in different languages, as set out in paragraph 13 of this document;

(e) that the development of a platform for UPOV member databases containing variety description information will depend on UPOV members indicating which databases they would wish to share;

(f) that matters concerning the revision of document TGP/5, Section 6, are addressed in document TWP/5/14 “Revision of document TGP/5 Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description”

2. The TWPs are invited to note (3/3): :

(g) that machine translation technology opportunities will be pursued as a matter of priority to reduce translation costs for UPOV documents in UPOV languages and to make UPOV materials available in a wider range of languages, within available resources;

(h) that measures for increasing cooperation among experts at TWP sessions are discussed in document TWP/5/12 “Increasing participation in the work of the TC and TWPs”;

(i) that the CAJ, at its seventy-eighth session will consider:

(i) the policy or legal barriers identified by the TC as preventing international cooperation in DUS examination and possible measures to address those barriers; and

(ii) proposals for developing guidance to encourage members of the Union, on a voluntary basis, to take-over DUS test reports when the applicants could not submit plant material due to phytosanitary or other related issues;

(j) that the impact of the proposed plan will be assessed on the basis of the number of cooperation agreements reported by members of the Union, as presented in document C/[xx]/INF/5 “Cooperation in examination”.

