

Technical Working Party for Vegetables
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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
- Matters for discussion
3. Development of guidance and information materials
 - number of growing cycles and concluding examination
4. Procedures for DUS examination (presentations invited)
5. Assessing distinctness in disease resistance characteristics (document to be prepared by the Netherlands (Kingdom of) and presentations invited)
6. Notification of additional characteristics and states of expression (presentations invited)
7. Support for drafting national test guidelines (presentations invited on characteristics, approaches or challenges relevant for national test guidelines)
8. 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)
9. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)
10. Proposals for ring-tests (presentations invited)
11. Image analysis of vegetable crops (presentations invited)
12. Molecular techniques in variety examination (presentations invited)
13. Discussions on draft Test Guidelines
 - Full draft Test Guidelines
 - *Asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis* L.) (Revision) (document TG/130/5(proj.2)) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)
 - Garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) (Revision) (document TG/162/5(proj.3)) (France to prepare a document)
 - *Ginger (*Zingiber officinale* Rosc.) (Revision) (document TG/153/4(proj.3)) (Japan to prepare a document)
 - Vegetable Marrow, Squash (*Cucurbita pepo* L.) (Revision) (document TG/119/5(proj.1) (Austria to prepare a document)
 - *Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum* (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill) (Revision) (document TG/136/6(proj.4)) (Germany to prepare a document)

Partial revisions

- *Cucumber, Gherkin (*Cucumis sativus* L.) (Partial revision: addition of resistance to *Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus*) (document TG/61/7 Rev. 3) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)
- *Tomato Rootstocks (Partial revision: *Meloidogyne incognita* (Nematodes): to change the states of expression (same as tomato) and control varieties (document TG/294/1 Rev. 5) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)

14. Technical Questionnaire, section 4.2: "Method of propagating the variety"
15. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines
16. Date and place of the next session
17. Future program
18. Adoption of the report of the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

19. Reports on developments in plant variety protection from members and observers (reports invited)
20. Reports on developments in UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)
21. Closing of the session

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