Abstract

The concept of Essentially Derived Varieties (EDVs) was introduced in the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention with the aim of providing an effective incentive for plant breeding that would maximize progress in the development of new, improved varieties for the benefit of society.

The purpose of the Seminar is to consider the impact of EDV policy on breeding strategies and the consequences for the development of new, improved varieties of plants. The Seminar will provide perspectives covering various breeding methods and different types of plants. The Seminar is expected to assist the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) in its review of the guidance on EDV provided in document UPOV/EXN/EDV/2.

8.30 Registration

9.30 Welcome address and opening
Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

SESSION I: TO AN EDV CONCEPT FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE
Moderator: Mr. Peter Button

9.40 Plant breeding and the EDV concept: challenges of the past, opportunities for the future?
Key note Speaker: Mr. Sven J.R. Bostyn, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, Centre for Advanced studies in Biomedical Innovation Law (CeBiL), Denmark

10.10 UPOV guidance on EDV
Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel and Director of Training and Assistance, UPOV

SESSION II: IMPACT OF EDV CONCEPT ON PLANT BREEDING
Moderator: Mr. Anthony Parker, Chair, Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), UPOV

10.20 Outlook for agricultural crops
Ms. Magali Pla, Deputy Manager of Industrial Property, Limagrain, France

10.40 Outlook for ornamental plants
Mr. Micha Danziger, Danziger “Dan” Flower Farm, Israel

11.00 Coffee break
11.20 Outlook for vegetables
   Mr. Laurens Kroon, Head of Research, Bejo, Netherlands

11.40 Outlook for fruit
   Ms. Emma Brown, Business Development Manager, Plant & Food Research, New Zealand

12.00 Panel discussion and questions

12.25 Closing remarks
   Mr. Anthony Parker

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