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She is an active participant in meetings with examination offices and/or PBR authorities on behalf of Euroseeds or ISF, at the CPVO and UPOV. Furthermore, she is chair of the Naktuinbouw Advisory Committee Variety Examination. She has been a lecturer at the International Plant Variety Protection Course in Wageningen, the Netherlands for quite some years.