



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS
GENEVA

**SYMPOSIUM ON CONTRACTS IN RELATION TO
PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS**

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 – 9.45 Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretary-General of UPOV
- Session I: Legal framework in selected UPOV members: relevant laws and
jurisprudence*
- Chairman: Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV
- 9.45 – 10.15 Mr. Doug Waterhouse, Chief, Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Australia
- 10.15 – 10.45 Mrs. Carmen Gianni, Coordinator of Intellectual Property Area, *Instituto
Nacional de Semillas* (INASE), Argentina
- 10.45 – 11.15 Mr. Nobuyoshi Takahashi, Deputy Director (Legal Advisor), Plant Variety
Production and Seed Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and
Fisheries, Japan
- 11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break

Session I: Legal framework in selected UPOV members: relevant laws and jurisprudence (continued)

11.30 – 12.00 Mr. Martin Ekvad, Head of the Legal Unit, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), European Community

Session II: Experiences of breeders: role of contracts in the exercise of breeders' rights
Chairman: Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

12.00 – 12.30 Mr. Antonio Villarroel, Managing Director, GESLIVE, Spain

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

Session II: Experiences of breeders: role of contracts in the exercise of breeders' rights (continued)

14.00 – 14.30 Mr. John Grace, Pioneer, United States of America

14.30 – 15.00 Mrs. Dominique Thevenon, AIGN®, France

15.00 – 15.30 Mr. Chris Green, Senova Limited, United Kingdom

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45 Panel discussion
(all speakers)

16.45 – 17.00 Closing Remarks by the Chairman

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