DRAFT PROGRAM

prepared by the Office of the Union

08.30 Registration
09.15 Welcome address by Mr. Francis Gurry, Secretary-General, UPOV
Message from the host of the 1961 Diplomatic Conference
09.25 Minister (France)
Messages from the founding members of the Union
09.30 Minister (Germany)
09.35 Minister (Netherlands)
09.40 Minister (United Kingdom)
09.45 Opening by Mr. Keun-Jin Choi, President of the Council of UPOV
09.55 The development of plant breeding and plant variety protection
   Mr. Bernard Le Buanec
10.25 Coffee
Session 1: Plant science and the future for plant breeding

Chair: Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda, Vice-President of the Council of UPOV

10.55 The role of genomics in crop improvement
Mr. Mike Bevan, Deputy Director Science, John Innes Centre (United Kingdom)

11.15 Bioengineering
Mr. Konstantin G. Skryabin, Director, Research Centre “Bioengineering”, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russian Federation)

11.35 Heterosis in rye
Mr. Stanislau Hardzei, Head, Laboratory of Genetics and Biotechnology, Scientific and Practical Centre of the Belorussian NAS for Arable Farming (SPCAF) (Belarus)

11.55 Breeding for virus resistance in cereals
Mr. Frank Ordon, Director and Professor, Head Institute of Resistance Research and Stress Tolerance, Julius Kühn-Institute (JKI), Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants (Germany)

12.15 Lunch *

Session 1: Plant science and the future for plant breeding (continued)

15.00 Stress resistance in maize
Mrs. Marianne Bänziger, Deputy Director General, Research and Partnership, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT)

15.20 Molecular virus-plant interactions and pathogen defense in tuber crop plants
Mr. Jari P.T. Valkonen, Professor, Plant Pathology, University of Helsinki (Finland)

Session 2: Applying the science: challenges and opportunities

Chair: Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

15.40 Plant variety protection and technology transfer
Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

15.55 Variety traits for the future
Mr. David Nevill, Head of Cereals R&D, Syngenta International AG

16.10 Vegetable and field crop strategies in East Africa
Mr. Yashwant Bhargava, Head of R&D, East African Seed Company Ltd.

16.25 Breeding prospects for horticulture in Asia
Mr. Ki-Byung Lim, Professor of Department of Horticulture, Kyungpook National University (Republic of Korea)

* Lunch Seminar “15 years of supranational cooperation in plant variety protection: the European experience” hosted by the European Union at the Intercontinental Hotel, 7-9 chemin du Petit-Saconnex, 1209 Geneva
16.40 Coffee
16.55 Flower breeding for the global market
   *Mr. Ulrich Sander, Managing Director, Selecta Klemm (Germany)*
17.10 Fruit breeding aims for the twenty-first century
   *Mrs. Wendy Cashmore, Manager Plant Varieties, New Zealand Institute for Plant & Food Research Limited (New Zealand)*
17.25 Discussion
17.55 Concluding remarks by Mr. Keun-Jin Choi, President of the Council of UPOV
18.00 Close

[End of document]