

PVP Course

Plant Variety Protection Course



The course aims at facilitating the introduction and practical implementation of Plant Breeders' Rights (Plant Variety Protection) in countries where legislation on this matter is being developed, has recently been passed or who are considering to develop a system.

Plant Breeders' Rights

The development of new plant varieties through plant breeding is a long term investment of 10 till 15 years. Intellectual property rights on the resulting plant variety through Plant Breeders' Rights provide the breeder of a new plant variety the exclusive rights to exploit it and to prevent others from doing so illegally.



All member states of the World Trade Organisation adhere to the agreement of Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), which contains the minimum standards for intellectual property rights (IPR), including those for plant varieties.

Many countries are therefore developing and implementing a legal framework for the protection of plant varieties in an intellectual property rights system. Besides developing legislation, the implementation of a Plant Breeders' Rights system has far reaching consequences of a legal, institutional, technical, financial and commercial nature.

Content of the course

The following subjects will be introduced through lectures and discussions in working groups:

- **Legal aspects:** legal framework, UPOV system, other *sui generis* systems, patents, legislation relating to genetic resource use
- **Institutional aspects:** procedures and administration, organisational set-up, variety registration systems, collaboration in testing
- **Technical aspects:** DUS principles, UPOV technical guidelines, field testing, biochemical/ molecular techniques, statistics, data analysis, reporting, variety denomination
- **Exploitation of Plant Breeders' Rights:** exploitation of rights, royalty collection systems, enforcing rights, farm saved seed



Practical trainings on DUS testing form part of the course and visits will be made to seed certification services, breeding companies and the Aalsmeer flower auction.

Organizers

Naktuinbouw is responsible for DUS testing of all varieties of agricultural, ornamental and vegetable crops for Plant Breeder's Rights in the Netherlands, on behalf of the Dutch Board for Plant Varieties and the European Community Plant Variety Office and for entry of agricultural and vegetable varieties on the Dutch National List. Naktuinbouw organizes this course in collaboration with Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation, part of Wageningen UR.

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UPOV Distance Learning Course

Participants that register timely and have been accepted are invited to take part, free of charge, in the UPOV Distance Learning Course (DL-205) 'Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention'.

Target Audience

Applicants should have a position in the variety registration system or have a position that will give them such responsibilities in the near future. Countries that have recently developed a plant variety protection law, or those that are currently in the process of developing such legislation, will be given priority. We also welcome employees of the legal departments in the agricultural industry.

Applicants should have an agricultural or horticultural education at a minimum of BSc level or a legal education supplemented with practical experience in agriculture and horticulture. A good working knowledge of English is essential to be admitted.

Date & Place

The course will be held from 17 till 28 June 2013 in Wageningen, the Netherlands.

Fees and accommodation

The course fee is € 2995. Fee includes all course related costs (materials, excursions, administration), but exclude board and lodging. Participants will be accommodated at Hof van Wageningen with full board and lodging. Prices are available on request. Nuffic Scholarships include travel and full board and lodging. CDI is unable to assist you in obtaining financial support.

Nuffic Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available from Nuffic, the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education. For nationals of certain countries Nuffic provides the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP). For Indonesian professionals they provide the StuNed Scholarships. If you want to apply for a scholarship you must meet a number of criteria. Please visit the website www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships for more information.

Application

The procedure for application to the PVP Course is:

- 1) Apply at Wageningen UR CDI: www.cdi.wur.nl/UK/services/Courses/Overview_Courses_2013
You will receive a confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription (f.e. funding, visa) can take some time.
- 2) If you want to apply also for a Nuffic Scholarship, register at the Nuffic website through Scholarships Online. This application takes time and requires several documents, we recommend you to start it as soon as possible.

Application deadlines

- The Nuffic scholarship application deadline is **1 October 2012**.
- The admission deadline for application directly to Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation with funding other than Nuffic Scholarships, is **17 May 2013**.