

INFORMATION SHEET

Plant breeders' rights for food security and economic development training course

The 22th "Plant breeders' rights for food security and economic development training course" (before PVP Training Course) will be held from June 17th till June 28th 2019 in Wageningen, the Netherlands.

This course focuses on the implementation of the Plant Breeders' Rights based on the UPOV Convention.

Scholarships

Please note that professionals from the countries mentioned below can apply for a OKP (Orange Knowledge Programme) scholarship, former NFP:

Afghanistan , Albania, Armenia, Bangladesh , Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, Cambodia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenia, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Macedonia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories , Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Nuffic also offers a StuNed scholarship especially for residents of Indonesia or a MENA scholarship for residents of Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria* and Tunisia. (* *MSP is not currently open to professionals applying from Syria. Applicants with the Syrian nationality may apply if they are residing and working in one of the other MSP countries listed.)

A limited number of scholarships are available from NOKP, the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education. If you want to apply for a scholarship you must meet a number of criteria. Please visit the [website](#) for more information about the OKP scholarships, the StuNed scholarships or the MENA scholarships.

Plant Breeder's Rights Training Course

An effective Plant Breeder's Rights System can ensure and improve food security in any country by stimulating the breeding of improved plant varieties. Farmers will get better varieties which means that their economic development will be enhanced. Therefore Naktuinbouw and Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR developed the "**Plant breeders' rights for food security and economic development training course**". This course aims at:

- facilitating the introduction and practical implementation of an international harmonized Plant Variety Rights System (UPOV based) in countries where legislation on this matter is being developed or has recently been passed;
- a better understanding of how a UPOV based Plant Variety Rights System works for those who are involved in the protection and registration of new varieties.

Intellectual property rights for plant breeders

The protection of the rights of plant breeders is an important incentive for the development of better plant varieties. The possibility to claim intellectual property rights on a variety, gives a breeder the exclusive rights to exploit it and to prevent others from doing so illegally. Many countries are therefore developing and implementing a legal framework for the protection of plant varieties in intellectual property rights system.

Course subjects

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

- legal aspects – legal framework, of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), patents, regulations relating to genetic resources.
- institutional aspects – procedures and administration, organizational setup, variety registration systems, collaboration and testing
- technical aspects – the principle of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS), practical DUS-testing, UPOV guidelines, field testing, biochemical/molecular techniques, statistics, data analysis, reporting, variety denomination
- exploitation of Plant Breeders' Rights – enforcing rights, royalty collection, farm saved seed

Target audience

- you have a position in the variety protection system or have a position that will give you such responsibilities in the near future
- you are from a country that has recently developed a plant variety protection law or that is currently in the process of developing such legislation

If you register in time and have been accepted, you will be invited to take part, free of charge, in the Distance Learning Course (DL-205) of UPOV, entitled 'Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention.'

Apply

For a OKP, MENA or StuNed scholarship apply directly at [Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR](#). The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **16 October 2018**. 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.

After that, applications for a scholarship must be submitted by registering in Atlas, the application system of Nuffic. In the received admission letter you will find a weblink for Atlas.

As application takes time and requires several documents, we recommend you to start it as soon as possible.

Application Deadlines

- The OKP, MENA and StuNed Scholarships application deadline is **16 October 2018**.
- 6 May 2019 is the admission deadline for application directly to [Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR](#) with funding other than Nuffic Scholarships.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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