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FOR THE PROTECTION OF
NEW PLANT VARIETIES

COUNCIL

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1972 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(Fourth Year)

I. State of the Union

1. At the end of 1972 the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) consisted of the following six member States:

Denmark
France
Germany (Federal Republic of)
Netherlands
Sweden
United Kingdom

2. No new ratifications or accessions took place in the course of the year.

II. Meetings

3. In the course of 1972, the different bodies of UPOV met as follows:

4. The Consultative Working Committee held its fifth session on April 13 and 14, mainly to prepare the Diplomatic Conference which was held in November (see paragraph 9 below).

5. The Working Group on Variety Denominations held its seventh session from December 5 to 7, under the chairmanship of Dr. D. Böringer. During the session a hearing of interested international professional organizations took place (see Industrial Property, 1973, pages 76 and 77).

6. The following meetings were held on technical matters:

(i) A meeting of the Technical Steering Committee from June 12 to 14, under the chairmanship of Mr. J.G. Bustarret and with the attendance of the chairmen of the Technical Working Parties. The Committee discussed the general principles of the testing and recording and in particular the questions of homogeneity and stability as well as a harmonized layout for the Guidelines for the testing of individual species. It decided to request the Council to authorize it to approve and publish such Guidelines on the condition that they were in keeping with the general principles.

(ii) Self-fertilized Agricultural Crops: A meeting of the subgroup for potatoes in Geneva on June 7 and 8, under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Höppner. The Working Party agreed on the principles for the tests and requested the Chairman to draft a new text for submission to the Technical Steering Committee.

(iii) Cross-fertilized Agricultural Crops: A meeting of the Working Party in Cambridge from May 23 to 25, under the chairmanship of Dr. H. Höppner for the discussion of Guidelines for red clover, lucerne and ray grass.

(iv) Vegetables: Meetings of the Working Party in Geneva on January 25 and 26, and in Odense, Denmark, on October 10 and 11, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Dorsman for the adoption of Guidelines for French beans, lettuce, Brussels sprouts, runner beans, tomatoes, carrots, cauliflower and cabbage for submission to the Technical Steering Committee.

(v) Ornamental Plants: A meeting of the Working Party from May 31 to June 2, 1972, at Antibes, France, under the chairmanship of Mr. V.A. Hallig for the adoption of Guidelines for chrysanthemums, Begonia, Saintpaulia, Euphorbia fulgens, Euphorbia pulcherrima and Freesia.

7. The Council of UPOV held its sixth session from November 7 to 10. In addition to the States mentioned in paragraph 1 above, the three signatory States (Belgium, Italy and Switzerland) attended the meeting in an observer capacity, as well as certain other interested States (Austria, Finland, Gabon, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, United States of America, South Africa, Spain) which had been invited to send observers. The Council took decisions on the following questions:

(i) Normal administrative matters: the Accounts for 1971 and the Program and Budget for 1973;

(ii) Special administrative matters: the amount of the Working Capital Fund and the share of each member State in that Fund; amendments to the Financial and Administrative Regulations in order to regularize the legal situation having arisen from the replacement of BIRPI by WIPO;

(iii) Establishing a new Technical Working Party for Forest Trees and merging the two existing Working Parties on Cross-fertilized and Self-fertilized Agricultural Crops into the Working Party for Agricultural Crops; nominating new chairmen as follows:

Technical Working Parties:

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| (a) Agricultural Crops: | Mr. R. Duyvendak (Netherlands) |
| (b) Vegetables: | Dr. A. Roux (Germany (Fed. Rep. of)) |
| (c) Fruit Crops: | Mr. A. Harding (United Kingdom) |
| (d) Ornamental Plants: | Mr. J.M. Evans (United Kingdom) |
| (e) Forest Trees: | Mr. V. Gøhrn (Denmark) |

Fee Harmonization Working Party:

Mr. B. Laclavière (France)

Working Group on Variety Denominations:

Mr. S. Mejegaard (Sweden)

(iv) Delegating to the Technical Steering Committee the authority to adopt Guidelines for different species in accordance with the general principles as approved.

8. The Council further had an opportunity of discussing possibilities of closer cooperation with representatives of non-member States.

9. In conjunction with the meeting of the Council, a Diplomatic Conference for the Amendment of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants was held from November 7 to 10. The Conference, which was attended by delegations from all the member States and signatory States and observers from other States, agreed upon an Additional Act amending the Convention. The Additional Act was signed on November 10 by the delegates of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

10. The Vice Secretary General of UPOV attended meetings organized by OECD from April 24 to 28, and October 23 to 27, on the OECD Seed Certification Schemes and a meeting of ASSINSEL on May 24 and 25, in Ottawa, Canada.

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