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Forty-Fifth Session

Mexico City, Mexico, July 11 to 15, 2016

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UPOV

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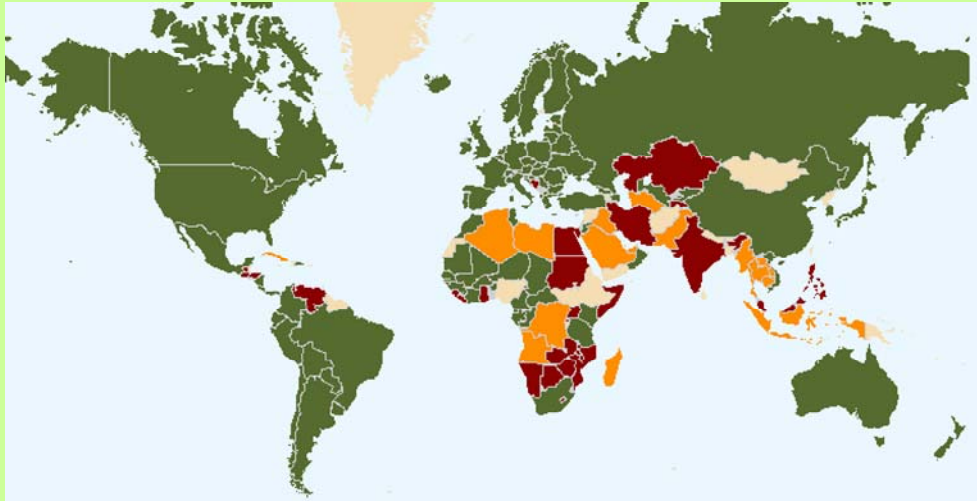
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UPOV status in June 2016



Members of UPOV (74)

Initiating States (15) and Organization (1)

States (23) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

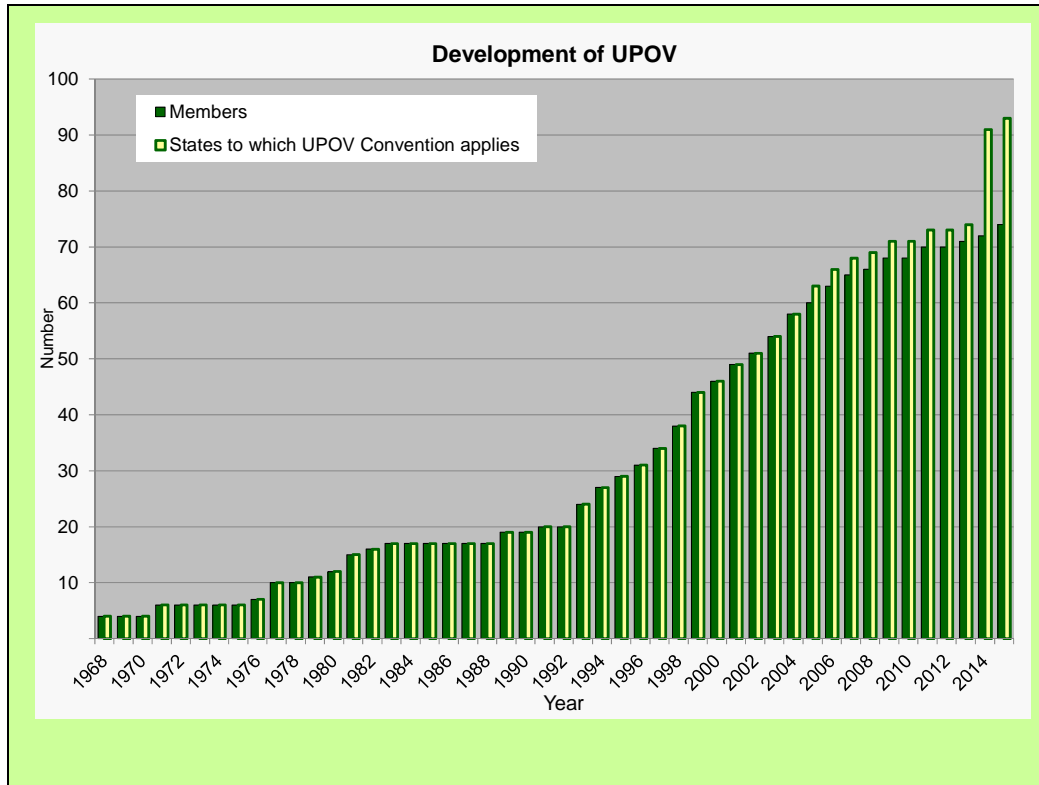
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Membership of UPOV

74 members

New members:

- Montenegro (September 24, 2015)
- The United Republic of Tanzania (November 22, 2015)

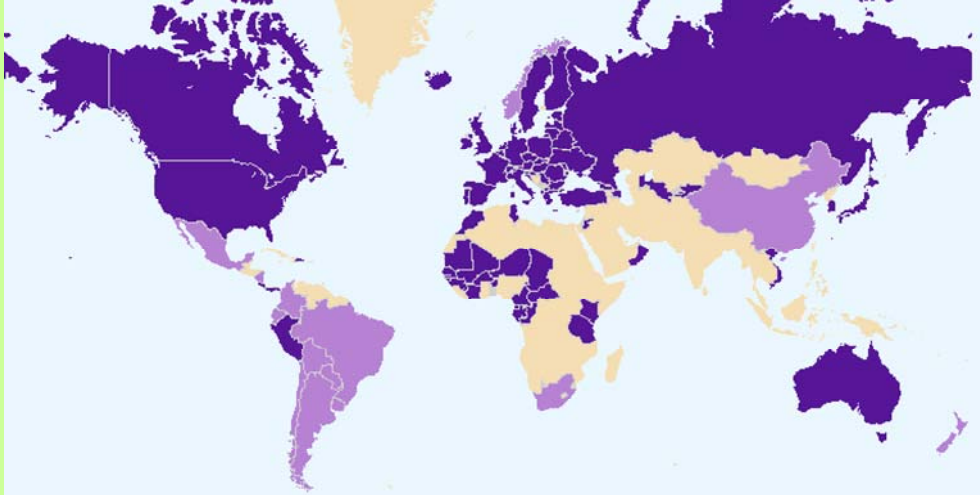


Ratification / Accession to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention

- Canada
(Instrument of ratification deposited on July 19, 2015)
- Kenya
(Instrument of accession deposited on April 11, 2016)

UPOV Membership Territories covered

1991 Act: 56 members – Other Acts: 18 members



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SITUATION in UPOV

Examination of Laws

Council session

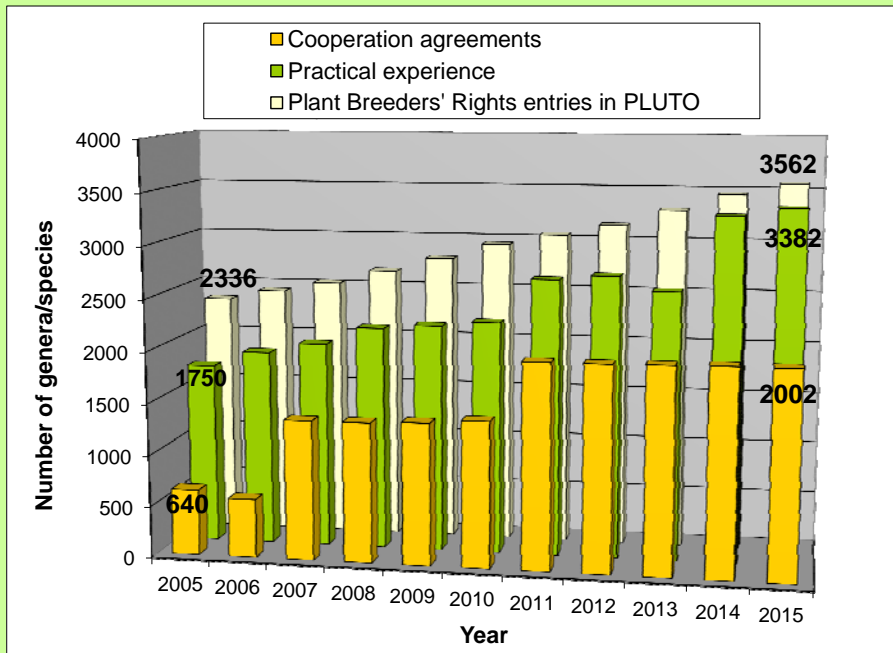
Advice

Islamic Republic of Iran (Law)

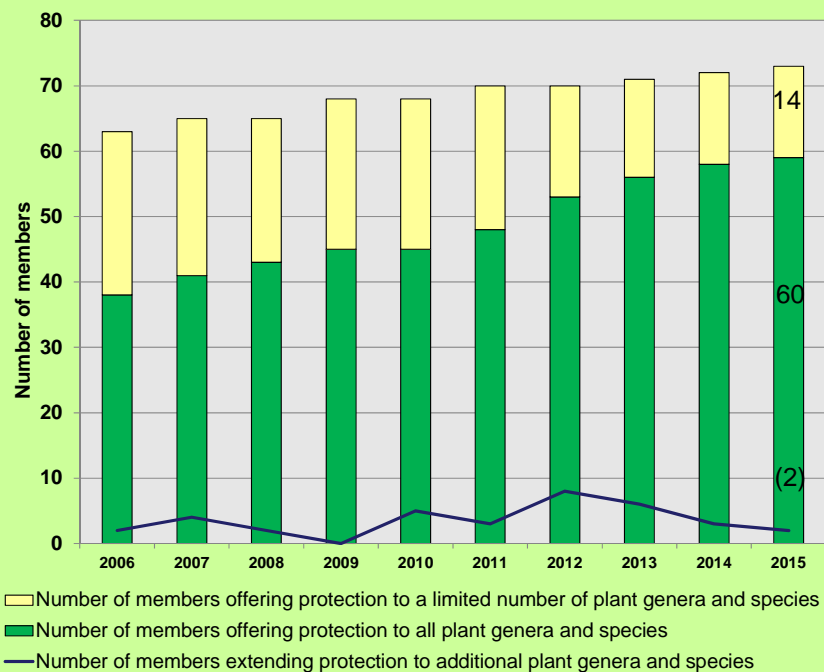
October 29, 2015

Amendments recommended

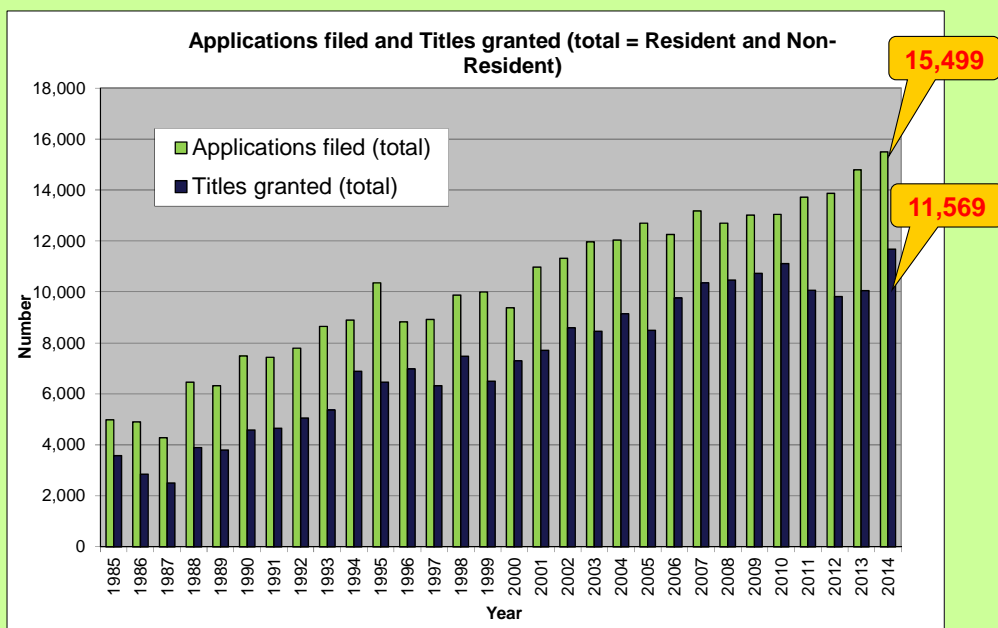
Cooperation in examination (C/49/5)



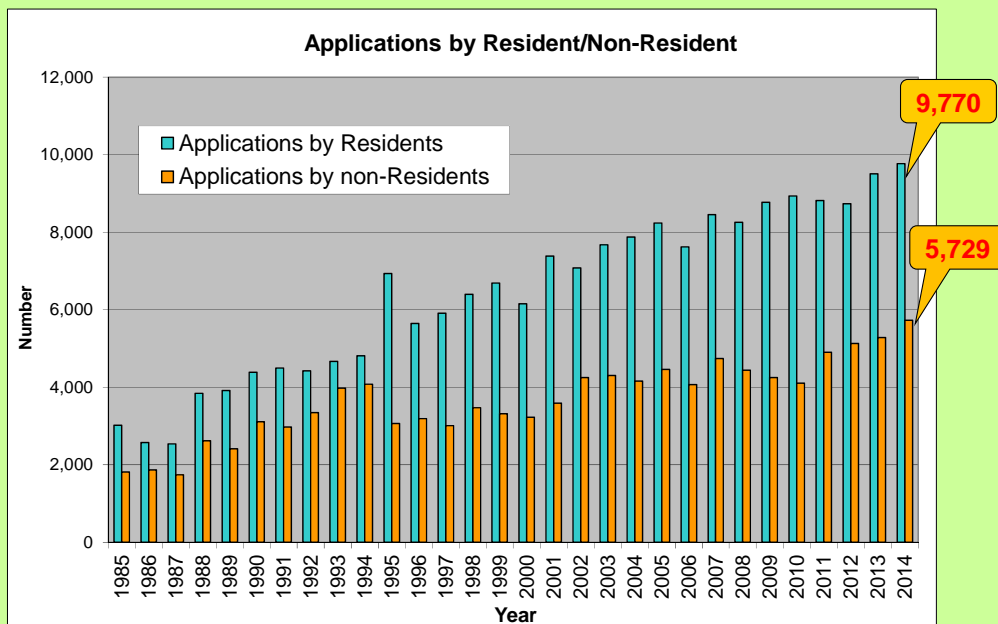
Taxa protected by the members of the Union (C/49/6)



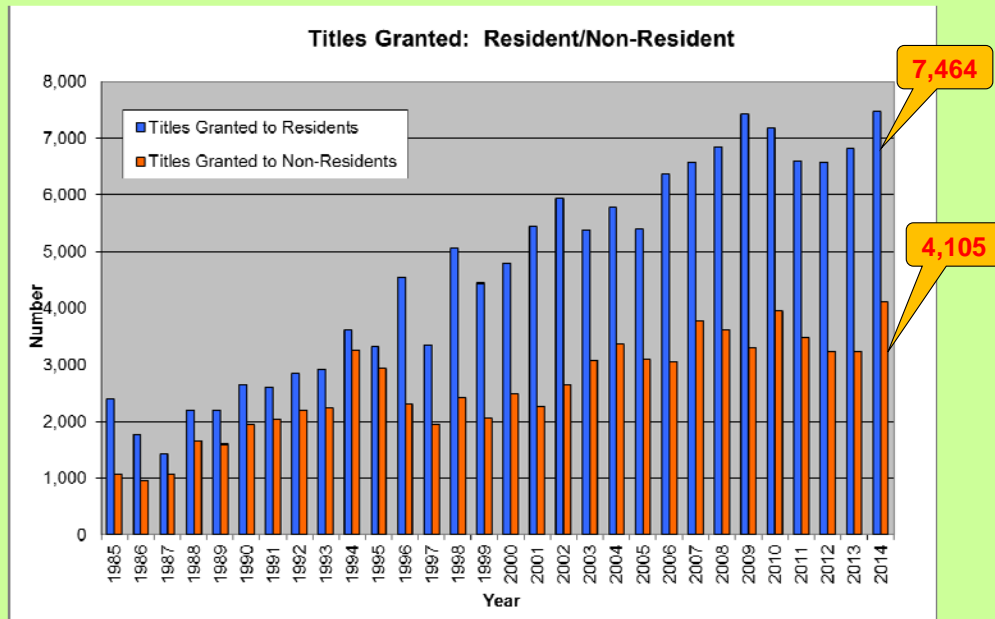
Applications filed / Titles granted (document C/49/7)



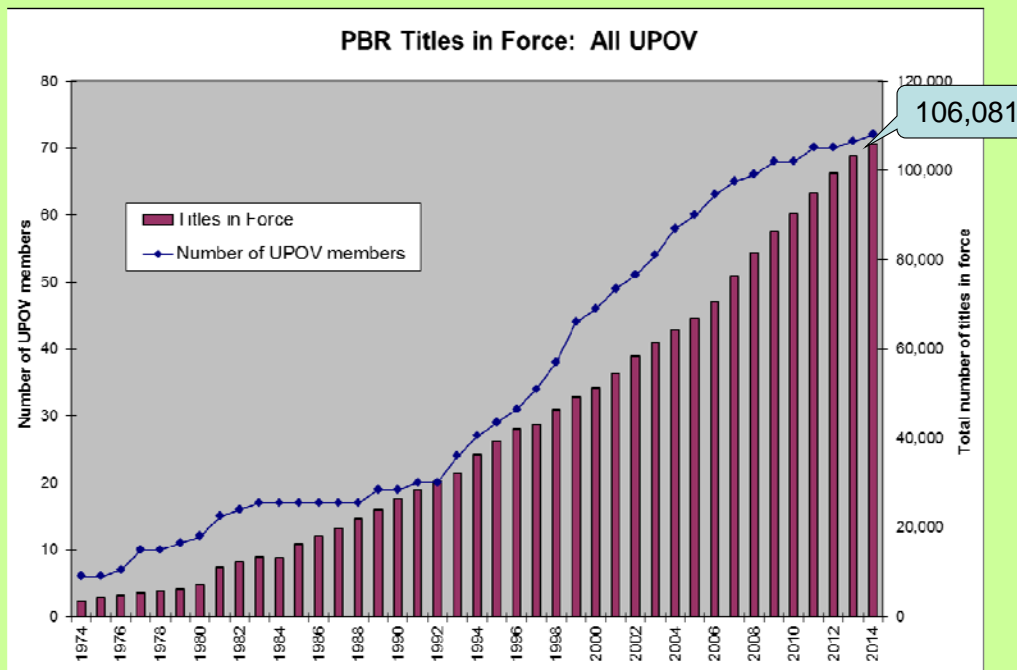
Applications by Resident / Non-Resident (document C/49/7)



Titles granted by Resident / Non-Resident (document C/49/7)



Titles in Force (document C/49/7)



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REVISED GUIDANCE ADOPTED IN 2015

- TGP/5 Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing:
 - Section 3/2: Technical Questionnaire to be Completed in Connection with an Application for Plant Breeders' Rights
 - Section 8/2: Cooperation in Examination
 - Section 9/2: List of Species in Which Practical Knowledge has Been Acquired or for Which National Test Guidelines Have Been Established
- TGP/9/2 Examining Distinctness
- TGP/14/3 Glossary of Terms Used in UPOV Documents
- UPOV/EXN/CAN/2 Explanatory Notes on Cancellation of the Breeder's Right
- UPOV/EXN/NUL/2 Explanatory Notes on the Nullity of the Breeder's Right
- UPOV/EXN/PRP/2 Explanatory Notes on Provisional Protection
- UPOV/INF/4/4 Financial Regulations and Rules of UPOV
- UPOV/INF/6/4 Guidance for the preparation of laws based on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention
- UPOV/INF/12/5 Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations
- UPOV/INF/15/3 Guidance for Members of UPOV
- UPOV/INF/16/5 Exchangeable Software
- UPOV/INF/22/2 Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union

Program for EXN/INF

| <i>Reference</i> | <i>Explanatory Notes on:</i> | <i>CAJ/71 Proposals:</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| UPOV/EXN/EDV/2 (revision) | Essentially Derived Varieties | Draft 7: CAJ in October 2016 |
| UPOV/EXN/CAL (revision) | Conditions and Limitations | possible revision to be considered by CAJ in October 2016 |
| UPOV/INF/12 (revision) | Variety Denominations | WG-DEN |
| UPOV/INF/16 (revision) | Exchangeable Software | Council in October 2016 |
| UPOV/INF/22 (revision) | Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union | Council in October 2016 |

TEST GUIDELINES ADOPTED IN 2016

5 NEW TEST GUIDELINES

| Drafter | TWP | English |
|----------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| BR | TWF | Coconut |
| NZ | TWO | Cordyline, Cabbage Tree, Torquay Palm |
| MX | TWF | Avocado; Coyo avocado (rootstock) |
| ZA | TWO | Plectranthus, Spur Flower |
| JP | TWO | Salvia, Sage |

2 REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES

| Drafter | TWP | English |
|----------------|------------|----------------|
| DE | TWV | Basil |
| DE | TWO | Calibrachoa |

TEST GUIDELINES ADOPTED IN 2016

| 9 PARTIAL REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES | | |
|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Drafter | TWP | English |
| NL | TWV | Cauliflower |
| NL | TWV | Cabbage |
| NL | TWV | Brussels Sprouts |
| NL | TWV | Spinach |
| DE | TWV | Black Radish |
| NL | TWV | Kohlrabi |
| NL | TWV | Curly Kale |
| NL | TWV | Calabrese, Sprouting Broccoli |
| QZ | TWV | Tomato Rootstocks |

TEST GUIDELINES ON THE UPOV WEBSITE

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 Common Name in French
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 Common Name in German

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SUPERSEDED TEST GUIDELINES

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These Test Guidelines have been superseded by a later version. The latest adopted version of Test Guidelines can be found at http://www.upov.int/test_guidelines/en/list.jsp

This publication has been scanned from a paper copy and may have some discrepancies from the original document.

| | | Blé | Weizen | Trigo | Triticum aestivum L. | |
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| 003/05 | Wheat | Blé | Weizen | Trigo | Triticum aestivum L. | Zea mays L.  (DE EN FR) |
| 003/08 | Wheat | Blé | Weizen | Trigo | Triticum aestivum L. |  (DE EN FR) |

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UPOV Sessions: October 2016

| Monday (26) | Tuesday | Wednesday (28) | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---------|---|----------|---------|
| Seminar on Propagating & Harvested Material | CAJ | Symposium on possible interrelations between the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention | CC | Council |

UPOV Sessions: 2017 Under discussion

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| TC | TC | TC | CAJ | CAJ | CC | Council |
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Frequently Asked Questions

GENIE Database



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Plant Variety Database (PLUTO)



Welcome

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental organization with headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

UPOV was established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The Convention was adopted in Paris in 1961 and it was revised in 1972, 1978 and 1991.

UPOV's mission is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

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News & Upcoming Events

Benefits of UPOV

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The 52nd TC agreed a draft question and answer on:

“Is it possible to obtain protection of a variety on the basis of its DNA-profile?”

To be reported on agenda item 4 “Molecular Techniques” (TWA/45/2)

Distance Learning Courses (DL-205 and DL-305)

Two sessions of each of the following UPOV Distance Learning Courses will be run concurrently in 2016:

- DL-205 “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention”

- DL-305 “Examination of applications for plant breeders’ rights”

- DL-305A “Administration of Plant Breeders’ Rights” (Part A of DL-305)
- DL-305B “DUS Examination” (Part B of DL-305)

The timetable

Session I – 2016

Registration: January 1 to February 7
Study period: February 15 to March 20
Final exam: March 14 to 20


Session II – 2016

Registration: August 15 to September 18
Study period: September 25 to October 30
Final exam: October 24 to 30


New videos on UPOV website

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Benefits of the UPOV System



NEW Video: PVP in Ecuador



NEW Video: PVP in Uruguay
Use of Plant Variety Protection by the Faculty of Agronomy of the 'Universidad de la Republica' of Uruguay
Transcriptions: [FR](#), [DE](#)

Available at:

http://www.upov.int/about/en/benefits_upov_system.html

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For the discussion at the 53rd TC,
the 52nd TC agreed:

- To invite to simulate the impact of using different numbers of growing cycles on DUS decisions using actual data
- To invite to make presentations at the BMT on how databases containing molecular data might be developed in UPOV

For the discussion at the 53rd TC,
the 52nd TC agreed:

- Conduct **survey** on current situation to discuss **obstacles to cooperation** in examination, including exchange of DUS reports

DISCUSSION SESSION DURING TC/53

- (a) Use of disease and insect resistance characteristics in DUS examination
- (b) Management of variety collections
- (c) Minimum distance between varieties
- (d) Increasing participation of new members of the Union in the work of the TC and TWPs

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International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

Background:

- The 6th Governing Body of the ITPGRFA (Oct 5 to 9, 2015), adopted a resolution concerning the possible interrelations between the respective instruments of UPOV, WIPO and the ITPGRFA.
- The 90th Consultative Committee agreed to invite the Secretary of the ITPGRFA to make a presentation at the 91st session on possible areas of interrelations between the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention.

DEVELOPMENTS IN 2016:

- The Secretary of the ITPGRFA made a presentation at 91st session of the Consultative Committee (Mar 17, 2016)
- The Council agreed to propose a joint UPOV-ITPGRFA Symposium on areas of interrelations between the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention, to be held in Geneva on October 26, 2016

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