

Developments concerning UPOV PRISMA

Summary of the sixteenth meeting on the development of an electronic application form (EAF) held remotely on October 23, 2020

1. Status of the current UPOV PRISMA Version 2.4 released on February 24, 2020

Coverage:

- Participating UPOV members: 35 UPOV members representing 74 countries
African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, France, Georgia, Kenya, Morocco, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Korea, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam.
- Crops / species: 22 out of the participating members cover all species

Fee:

- UPOV PRISMA Fee: 90 CHF per PVP application
(in addition to the application fee to the target PVR Office)
In the case of the United Kingdom, this UPOV PRISMA fee is paid by the UK PVP Office.

New interface:

More friendly and easier navigation through the forms with direct communication tool to the UPOV PRISMA team

2. Use of UPOV PRISMA

- Number of registered users in October 2019: 130
- Number of applications filed since its launch in 2017 to September 30, 2020: 450
- Number of National Listing submissions since its introduction in June 2019: 5
- Submissions (PBR + NLI) by crop type:
 - o Vegetables: 35 %
 - o Ornamental: 30%
 - o Agriculture: 18%
 - o Fruit: 14%
 - o Agriculture vegetable: 3%

3. Developments of UPOV PRISMA Version 2.5 scheduled for December 2020

Feedback was received from active users and it has been decided to focus on resolving matters and optimizing the system instead of increasing the number of participating members.

The following priorities are considered:

Technical improvements such as:

- Speeding up the system,
- Automatic save of the application data,
- Increasing the maximum size of attachments.

Additional cooperation with the PBR participating authorities:

- Increasing the coverage of important crops in participating PBR authorities that do not cover all crops/species,
- Ensuring that all the required information and documents are specified in UPOV PRISMA to avoid request for additional information and delay the application,
- Ensuring that all participating members acknowledge receipt of the application within a reasonable time,
- Checking that the PBR authority fulfills the requirements of the "Terms of use".

New functionalities will be also developed:

- New payment interface to facilitate payment,
- Bulk upload,
- National list for the United Kingdom.

4. Next developments, after Version 2.5

- Expansion of UPOV members: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uzbekistan have previously expressed interest to join future releases,
- New functionalities:
 - o Information of DUS cooperation (DUS Arrangement Tool "DART")
 - o Synchronization between UPOV PRISMA and CPVO for technical questionnaires (TQ) changes etc...

Next EAF/17 meeting will be held online on March 25, 2021 from 12pm to 2pm.

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