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INVITATION

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are a breeder, applicant, procedural representative, user or examiner of vegetable varieties protected by a national or Community plant Variety right (CPVR), and/or registered in one of EU national catalogues for vegetable varieties. The CPVO (Community Plant Variety Office), the SASA (Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture) and the APHA (Animal& Plant Health Agency) have the pleasure of inviting you to a:

"Vegetable Variety Open Day"

Tuesday 12th September 2017 (*9.00-17.00*)

This event will take place at the premises of the SASA, located just outside the city of Edinburgh (UK).

PROGRAMME

08.45	Welcome
09.00	Opening
09.10	Introduction to the Community plant variety rights system
09.30	The DUS examination of vegetable varieties in the UK
10.00	Latest developments in DUS testing procedures in vegetables
10.30	Discussions
10.45	Coffee break
11.00	Greater collaboration between vegetable examination offices
11.20	Disease resistance characteristics in vegetables
11.40	"Harmores" and IMODDUS R&D projects in vegetables
12.00	CPVR protection - what it gives and why it is needed
12.20	Brexit – latest developments on the matter

12.40	Discussions
13.00	Buffet lunch offered at SASA
14.30	Visit to vegetable DUS trials and field discussions, as well as SASA facilities (divide into groups)
16.30	Final Discussions and Conclusions of the Open Day
17.00	Closing

ORGANISATION

The morning part of the Open Day will take place in the lecture theatre of the SASA premises located at:

Roddinglaw Road, Edinburgh EH12 9FJ
United Kingdom
Tel: + 44 (0)131 244 8890
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Email: info@sasa.gsi.gov.uk

Registration will be at 8.45 for a 9.00 start. *For those attending the meeting by car, there is plenty of parking in the SASA site. To plan your visit to SASA, please follow directions by consulting the weblink below:* http://www.sasa.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Directions%20for%20visitors%202015.pdf

Please note that the meeting will be held in English.

Part of the Open Day will include a visit to the field trials at SASA, so you should foresee suitable clothing according to the weather conditions.

We thank you in advance for making your own hotel reservation. The nearest hotel is the Holiday Inn on Corstorphine Road, from where a coach to SASA will be departing between 8.00-8.30.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact CPVO/SASA/APHA at the following addresses: semon@cpvo.europa.eu for technical questions;
theodore@cpvo.europa.eu and Tom.Christie@sasa.gsi.gov.uk for communication or organizational questions.

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