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Community Plant Variety Office  
Office Communautaire des Variétés Végétales

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE CPVO

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### Main conclusions

#### **I. President's reports**

The AC members took note of the report on events and of the statistics.

#### **II. Work program 2015**

The AC members took note of the 2015 Working Program.

#### **III. CPVO International Relations Strategy (Doc. AC/14/02/03 + annex)**

The AC members adopted the CPVO International Relations Strategy.

#### **IV. Celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CPVO (Doc. AC/14/02/04)**

The AC members took note that the CPVO will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 in Angers.

#### **V. Adoption of the draft Budget 2015 (Doc-CA/14/02/05 + annex)**

The AC members adopted the draft budget for 2015

#### **VI. Adoption of Ombudsman Code of Good Administrative Behavior (Doc. AC/14/02/06 + annex)**

The AC members adopted the code of Good Administrative Behavior of the Ombudsman to apply to CPVO staff.

#### **VII. IT projects (Oral presentation)**

The AC members took note of the information.

#### **VIII. Draft Regulation on Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) – State of affairs (Commission – Oral presentation)**

The members of the AC took note of the oral presentation. The Commission will be working on an amended proposal in relatively short time. Support from the Member States will be needed.

#### **IX. Seminar on the interface between patents and PVRs (Doc. AC/14/02/07 + annex)**

The members of the AC took note of the organization of a seminar on the interface between patents and PVRs in 2015, possibly in June 2015.

#### **X. Quality Audit Service**

The AC members took note of the update on QAS' activities as regards the 12 assessment visits in 2014, the practical arrangements for the audit fee following the agreement reached on the subject at previous meeting, the proposed modification in the planification of the Internal Audits of QAS in the revised version of the QAS Procedure manual and the call for tender for the appointment of QAS Technical experts for 2015-2018.

#### **XI. Entrustment recommendations - update (Documents QAS web)**

The AC members decided to follow 10 entrustment recommendations made by the Quality Audit Service and thus continue or extend entrustments the following offices:

- Central Institute for Supervising & Testing in Agriculture (UKZUZ)
- Oficina Española de Variedades Vegetales (OEVV)
- Direção Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária
- The Danish Agrifish Agency
- Viljandi Variety Testing Center
- Instituut voor Landbouw- en Visserijonderzoek (ILVO)
- Bundessortenamt
- Central Controlling and Testing Institute in Agriculture (UKSUP)

- CRA-SCS
- GEVES

**XII. Revised QAS Procedure manual (Doc-AC/14/02/08 – annexes)**

The members of the AC unanimously adopted the revised procedure manual.

**XIII. Audit Fee procedure (Doc-AC/14/02/09 – annexes)**

The members of the AC agreed with the proposed way to calculate audit fees and concluded that they had adopted the SOP. Furthermore, upon request from UK, the President of the CPVO agreed to provide the names of the Examination Offices listed in the annex to document 09.

**XIV. Outcome of the new species procedure (Doc. AC/14/02/10)**

The AC members entrusted the offices proposed by the CPVO for the 25 species concerned.

**XV. Entrustment of OEVV/Spain in respect of pineapple (Doc-AC/14/02/11)**

The AC members entrusted the Spanish office for pineapple.

**XVI. Ad hoc Legal Working Group – State of Affairs (Doc-AC/14/02/12)**

The AC members took note of the report. A final report would be submitted to the AC in March 2015 in order to hand over the proposal concerned to the Commission in October 2015.

**XVII. Revision of the rules in respect of TLOs (Doc-AC/14/02/13)**

The AC members gave their feedback on the proposed revision of the TLOs' rules. A revised document taking up all the comments received will be discussed in December with TLOs.

**XVIII. The 'one key-several doors principle'(Doc-AC/14/02/14)**

The AC members took note of the information and gave their feedback.

**XIX. CPVO R&D Strategy 2015-2020 (Doc-AC/14/02/15 + annex)**

The AC members generally supported the proposal. An updated strategy and terms of reference for a CPVO BMT group, including its composition, will be presented in March 2015.

**XX. Intention to launch Market Prospection for CPVO buildings (Doc-AC/14/02/16)**

The AC members took note of the information.

**XX. Amendment of the Administrative procedure to be followed in relation to requests for access to documents of the CPVO (Doc-AC/14/02/17 + annexes)**

The members of the AC adopted the amendment to the Administrative procedure with the modification proposed by the CPVO President in Articles 3.3. and 4.