

MAIN CONCLUSIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE CPVO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

22 and 23 June 2011, Angers

- I. Approval of draft minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2011 in Brussels**
The minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Council in February 2010 were approved with one amendment by the Commission.
- II. 2010 Management Report (Doc-CA/11/03/02)**
The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report.
- III. President's report (annexed to the full minutes)**
The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report.
- IV. Expenditure and revenue estimates for the 2011 financial year – supplementary amending budget (Doc-CA/11/03/05)**
The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted the supplementing amending budget as proposed.
- V. Financial situation and fees structure (Doc-CA/11/03/06)**
The members of the Administrative Council took note of the CPVO's financial situation as of 21 June 2011 and concluded that the level of the fees should be discussed once more at the next Administrative Council meeting or the meeting in the following spring at the latest.
- VI. Internal audit report (Doc-CA/11/03/08)**
The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report.
- VII. Amendment of the guidelines on variety denominations (Doc-CA/11/03/07)**
The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted the document amending the guidelines on variety denominations as proposed.
- VIII. Evaluation of the Community plant variety protection system (Doc-CA/11/03/04)**
The report on the evaluation of the Community plant variety protection system carried out by the external contractor GHK was presented to the members of the Administrative Council by the Commission representative. The report set out various possible directions of travel for the future. It would be presented at the conference entitled "EU plant variety rights in the 21st century" to be held on 11 October 2011 in Brussels.
- IX. Quality Audit Service (QAS)**
 - a) 2010 Report (Doc-CA/11/03/09)**
The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted the 2010 Quality Audit Service report.

b) Certification of examination offices, updated (Doc-CA/11/03/10)

Seven of the twelve audits planned for 2011 had been carried out since the beginning of 2011. Recommendations had been made in certain cases (see below). In two cases recommendations still had to be drawn up.

c) Amendment of certification criteria (Doc-CA/11/03/11)

The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted the document as presented.

d) Certification recommendations (on the QAS website)

The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights voted unanimously (with abstentions from Spain (for the *Oficina Española de Variedades Vegetales* [Spanish Plant Variety Office] (OEVV), Portugal (for the *Direcção-Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural* [Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development] (DGADR) and Germany (for the *Bundessortenamt* [Federal Plant Variety Office] (BSA)) to adopt the Quality Audit Service's recommendations for the OEVV, the DGADR and the BSA.

The members of the Administrative council with voting rights voted unanimously to adopt the Quality Audit Service's recommendations for the *Centre wallon de Recherches agronomiques* [Walloon Agricultural Research Centre] (CRA-W).

e) Conditional certification of the *Centro di ricerca per la frutticoltura* [Italian Fruit Tree Research Centre] CRA-FRU (Doc-CA/11/03/12)

The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights voted unanimously to adopt the conditional certification of the CRA-FRU examination office as proposed by the President of the CPVO, namely subject to the following conditions:

- Continuation of tests already under way at the CRA-FRU under the external supervision of Mr Barendrecht, pending his report at the end of 2011.
- Final DUS reports to be signed by Mr Barendrecht.
- Mr Barendrecht to train the technicians working at the Italian examination office.
- During this period, applications for new varieties of kiwi fruit to be kept by the CPVO until Mr Barendrecht's final report. In the case of applications in respect of other species, varieties to be attributed to other examination offices, in accordance with their availability.
- All costs to be borne by the CRA-FRU.

X. New technical protocols for DUS testing by the CPVO (Doc-CA/11/03/13)

- The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted the two new technical protocols for *Lolium ssp* (CPVO-TP/004/1) and for *Festuca ssp* (CPVO-TP/067/1).
- The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted the revision of CPVO-TP/14/1 Rev 1.

XI. Creation of a new collection of rose variety DNA samples (Doc-CA/11/03/14)

The members of the Administrative Council with voting rights unanimously adopted document 14, without paragraph 6 of the document as requested by the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Plants (CIOPORA) and without the annex.

XII. Designation of examination offices, results of the stock-taking of new species (Doc-CA/11/03/15)

The members of the Administrative Council present unanimously adopted the document proposing the examination offices to be designated.

XIII. Miscellaneous

- a) The members of the Administrative Council were asked to put forward names to represent the Administrative Council on R&D project evaluation committees.
- b) The European Seed Association (ESA) urged that the discussion started around two years ago on the development by the CPVO of a symbol to mark protected varieties be continued.