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Κοινοτικό Γραφείο Φυτικών Ποικιλιών

SEMINAR ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS

*WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE GREEK MINISTRY OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD*

15 April 2010, ATHENS

Venue:

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OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

Breeders are facing difficulties when enforcing their Community and National plant variety rights (PVRs). An important reason for this phenomenon is the insufficient knowledge of the applicable legislation amongst breeders, lawyers, prosecutors and judges. For this reason, the Community Plant Variety Office, in close co-operation with the breeders' organizations, decided to organize seminars on the enforcement of plant variety rights in Brussels (2005), Warsaw (2006), Madrid (2007) Sofia and Bucharest (2008).

*As a follow up, a seminar is now organized in **Athens on 15 April 2010.***

This seminar aims at sharing information and experience relating to the enforcement of plant variety rights. Participants from States in the region which are candidates to membership to the EU will be invited.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

This seminar is designed for all intellectual property practitioners specialized in plant variety protection, in particular:

- >> Breeders and representatives of the breeders' organizations*
- >> Seed producers*
- >> Nursery men*
- >> Farmers*
- >> Lawyers*
- >> Judges*
- >> Officials responsible for legislation and enforcement of plant variety rights*
- >> Representatives from examination offices*

No fees required for registration.



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Agenda of the Seminar

OPENING

8.30 - 9.30	Registration and coffee
9.30 - 9.40	OPENING ADDRESS: <i>Mrs. Batzeli, Minister of Rural Development and Food</i>
9.40 - 9.50	WELCOME: <i>Mr. Kiewiet, President of the CPVO</i>

SESSION I - LEGAL ASPECTS

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Objectives of this session :

The objective of Session I is to give presentations that will serve as a platform for the coming session and discussions. Community legislation and national legislations will be presented. Breeders will explain in more concrete terms the difficulties they meet when enforcing their rights. A presentation will also be made on some of the technical specifics that characterize the PVR system. This will be followed by a presentation of the technical tools available to identify protected varieties.

9.30 - 12.30	Chair : <i>Mr. Zangilis, Greek member of the CPVO's Administrative Council and Head of Section of the Directorate of inputs of plant productions at the Ministry of Rural Development and Food</i>
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9.50 - 10.10	General presentation of the PVR Community system, Mr. Kiewiet, President of the CPVO
10.10 - 10.30	General Presentation on the relationship between the PVR system and the Common Catalogue, Mr. Godinho, Vice-President of the CPVO
10.30 - 10.50	How is Greek Breeding organized, Mrs. Bebeli, President of the Hellenic Scientific Association of Genetic Improvement and Professor at the Agricultural University of Athens
10.50 - 11.10	Community legislation on the enforcement of PVRs: Basic Regulation, Directive on enforcement, customs regulation, Mr. Ekvad, Head of legal affairs, CPVO.
11.10 - 11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30 - 11.50	Measures against the infringement of intellectual property rights in Greece, <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Mrs. Papadopoulou, Counselor at Law, Hellenic Copyright Organization✓ Mrs. Margellou, Director of Legal Support, Hellenic Industrial Property Organization
11.50 - 12.10	Identification of protected material, Mr. Villarroel, Managing Director of GESLIVE, A.I.E and CPVO case law contributor

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12.10 - 12.30	QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
12.30 - 14.00	BUFFET-LUNCH

SESSION II – ENFORCEMENT

Objectives of this session:

The objective of Session II is to go more into the depth of specific problems identified in Session I. The aim of this session is to focus on problems encountered when enforcing plant variety rights in the agriculture, ornamental and fruit sectors.

14.00 - 17.30	Chair : <i>Mrs. Bátorová, Senior officer at UKSUP variety testing department and Vice-President of the CPVO's Administrative Council</i>
14.00 - 14.20	Community provisions on the agricultural exemption, <i>Mr. Rutz, manager of the Multi-beneficiary program of the CPVO</i>
14.20 - 15.00	Farm saved seed in the Agricultural sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Point of view of breeders, <i>Mrs. Csörgö, Manager of Intellectual and Legal Affairs, ESA</i>✓ Point of view of farmers, <i>Mr. Kofoed, Chairman of the Working Party on Seeds, COPA-COGECA</i>
15.00 - 15.20	COFFEE BREAK



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15.20 - 16.20	Enforcement of the ornamental and Fruit Sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Introduction <i>Mr. Kiewiet, President of the CPVO</i>✓ Point of view of breeders, <i>Dr. Lorenzen, Legal Counsel, CIOPORA</i>✓ Producers' perspective, <i>Mrs. Hopperus Buma, Secretary of the Committee for Novelty Protection, AIPH</i>
16.20 - 16.40	Customs actions , <i>Dr. Lorenzen, Legal Counsel, CIOPORA</i>
16.40 - 17.00	PANEL Discussion , <i>Chaired by Mr. Kiewiet, President of the CPVO</i>
17.00	COCKTAIL