

Circular E-21/044
TWF 2021

March 31, 2021

Madam,
Sir,

In agreement with the Chairperson of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), I have the pleasure to extend an invitation to participate in the

Fifty-Second Session of the
UPOV Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops

which will be held from July 12 to 16, 2021.

In agreement with the Chairperson of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) and the host of the TWF, the Government of China, I regret to inform you that, in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Fifty-Second Session of the TWF will not take place in Zhengzhou, China, as scheduled.

In order to continue the important work of the TWF, it has been agreed by the Chairperson of the TWF, after consultation with the host of the TWF and the Chairperson of the Technical Committee (TC), to hold the TWF session by electronic means.

./ The draft agenda of the session is attached (document TWF/52/1). Please note that items will be deleted from the agenda if the planned documents have not reached the Office of the Union at least six weeks before the session. Further documents or working papers will be distributed in due course.

The working languages will be English, French, German and Spanish, however, no interpretation will be available in these languages.

A series of meeting sessions by electronic means will be held daily from July 12 to 16, 2021. Details of the arrangements for the sessions will be provided in due course.

./ In order that the program can be planned, it would be appreciated if you could complete and return the attached registration form concerning the TWF session, to the addresses indicated on the form, by June 25, 2021, at the latest.

The following approach will be used:

1. Documents (including Test Guidelines) will be posted online on the UPOV website by June 4, 2021;
2. Items will be categorized as for consideration or for information only;
3. Members of the Union and observers to the TWF will be invited to send comments on the items for consideration, including Test Guidelines, in writing to the Office of the Union by June 25, 2021.
4. Comments received will be compiled and will be the basis for discussions during the meeting sessions by electronic means.

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– Designated persons of members and observers in the TWF and in the Technical Committee

Please note that a series of preparatory workshop webinars will be organized prior to the TWF session. Further details will be provided in due course.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Button". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter Button
Vice Secretary-General