

Consultative Committee**CC/94/17****Ninety-Fourth Session
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Date: September 26, 2017**REQUEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NOMENCLATURE OF CULTIVATED PLANTS***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. The International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants (ICNCP) of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) already has observer status in the Council.
2. The “Rules Governing the Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies” (see document UPOV/INF/19/1, paragraph 3(c), available at http://www.upov.int/information_documents/en/) provide as follows:
 - “(c) Organizations which have been granted observer status to the Council may subsequently request, by means of a letter from the head of the organization, observer status to the CAJ, the TC and/or the TWPs, if this was not initially requested.”
3. By letter of July 24, 2017, Mr. John David, ICNCP Chairman, requested the extension of observer status to the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) and the Technical Committee (TC). A copy of the letter is contained in the Annex to this document.
4. As provided in document UPOV/INF/19/1 (see paragraph 2(c)(ii) and (d)(ii)), the Consultative Committee is responsible for deciding which international non-governmental organizations should be granted observer status to the CAJ and the TC.
5. *The Consultative Committee is invited to consider the request of the ICNCP for the extension of observer status to the CAJ and the TC.*

[Annex follows]

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24 July, 2017

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Dear Mr. Gurry,

Re: Request for observer status of CAJ and TC

The International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants (ICNCP: in UPOV records as 'IUBS Commission'), which is a member of the International Union for Biological Sciences, has been granted observer status on the Council of UPOV. The Secretary of the ICNCP, Mr. Marco Hoffman, and I as the Chairman are the named contacts. In addition to our status on UPOV Council, the ICNCP is involved in the WG-DEN of UPOV.

The ICNCP, through the Editorial Committee, publishes the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants, which provides the rules for nomenclature of cultivated plants, including cultivars (variety denominations). For further information see <http://www.ishs.org/news/icncp-international-code-nomenclature-cultivated-plants-9th-edition>. Although our two systems of naming vary, we have been working closely with UPOV to bring about greater harmonisation between our rules. To further this work and to regularise our role on WG-DEN we would like to request observer status on CAJ and the TC, as they also involved in the UPOV decisions on variety denominations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything further needed to progress our request.

With kind regards,



Dr. John David
ICNCP Chairman

cc. Marco Hoffman, ICNCP Secretary

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