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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

I.A CLOSING DATES – NOTICE TO BREEDERS ENTERING VARIETIES IN CENTRAL DUS TRIALS

CONDUCTED BY THE PVR OFFICE

You will need to meet the following deadline in order to have your variety included in the central trials to be established in 2019 –

Winter and Alternate Cereals Make application by 15 April 2019

Spring Cereals and Peas Make application by 15 July 2019

Grass endophytes Make application by 1 July 2019

I.B PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

The annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place in early June 2019. A confirmed date and place has not yet been made.

This meeting is the formal mechanism used by PVRO to communicate and engage with plant breeders and user sectors. This is an opportunity for PVRO to inform users on developments and for users to inform PVRO of relevant matters. Representative participants are invited from all crop sectors. If you have a general concern regarding any aspect of the scheme and wish to participate this year, please contact Chris Barnaby chris.barnaby@pvr.govt.nz

I.C CHANGE OF AGENT OR OWNERSHIP

When the ownership of a variety changes or the owner authorises a new agent (address for service), it is important that the change is promptly recorded in the PVR database. This can be done efficiently using the on line case management system, where the owner (or authorised agent) has provision to do this themselves. When making such a change, please ensure that all documentation is supplied and the identity of the new owner or agent is clear with complete and accurate authorisation provided. Should there be any doubt regarding owner or agent identity or authorisation, the requested change will not be made.

I.D. 51ST SESSION OF THE UPOV TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR ORNAMENTALS AND FOREST TREES

The Plant Variety Rights Office and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand hosted the session in Christchurch from 17 – 22 February 2019. The crop based Technical Working Parties are the key groups for discussion and implementation of technical harmonisation and cooperation within UPOV. Participation was from eleven countries and three international organisations. The week's activities included formal discussions and presentations, drafting of species specific testing protocols and a field trip to observe growing trials for New Zealand native plants at the Canterbury Agriculture and Science Centre, Lincoln.