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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 deadlines in order to have your variety included in the central trials to be established in 2022 –

Winter and Alternate Cereals Make application by 15 April 2022

Spring Cereals and Peas Make application by 15 July 2022

Grass endophytes Make application by 1 July 2022

I.B PAYMENT OF THE EW ZEALAND APPLICATION FEE WHEN USING UPOV PRISMA

With the changes made to the method of New Zealand application fee payment when using UPOV PRISMA (international plant variety protection application tool) introduced in early 2021, it is important that the invoice received from IPONZ for the New Zealand application fee is paid promptly. The variety application will only be accepted after the invoice has been paid and all other application requirements have been met. The invoice will be emailed to the designated address for service as supplied to IPONZ through the UPOV PRISMA submission. The UPOV fee for the use of PRISMA is paid directly to UPOV and is the responsibility of the PRISMA user.

I.C NEW OPTIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ACCOUNTS

It is now possible to use “Teams” option for accounts with multiple users.

If you are part of an organisation that maintains multiple user accounts in our case management system, you may now organise your user accounts into “Teams”.

- This will allow you to delegate cases to a team of users rather than a single user.
- If a case is delegated to a team, all of the users under that team will have the ability to respond to that case’s tasks, and/or view its discussions.

For more information on the “Teams” option, please visit the Account Support pages on the IPONZ website.

I.D WORKSHOP ON ELEMENTS OF THE NEW PVR LEGISLATION

A workshop will be held on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at the Seed Industry Office, 185 Kirk Rd, Templeton, Canterbury. The objective of the workshop is to provide information and generate discussion on new provisions in the PVR Bill, for example, the scope of protection, essential derivation and propagation and harvested material. The programme has not been fixed and further information will be provided closer to the time. If you wish to receive further information or have a particular topic to be covered, please contact Chris Barnaby chris.barnaby@pvr.govt.nz

I. E PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

The annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place in mid-2022. The location and date have yet to be confirmed however late winter in Canterbury is probable.

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