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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 2021.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2021

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2021

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2021

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2021.

I.B THE END OF FEE PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE

Due to the IPONZ banking service provider formally ceasing cheque based services in June, payment by cheque of annual renewal or any other fees is no longer possible. Should you have been paying by cheque and are uncertain regarding other payment options, please check the website or contact the helpline.

I.C ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR PASTURE SPECIES

The annual meet will be held on Wednesday 28 July 2021 at MBIE, Cashel St, Christchurch. For further information about the group or the meeting please contact Jacquie Broadhead Jacquie.Broadhead@pvr.govt.nz

I. D UPOV TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

The UPOV Technical Working Party for Ornamentals and for Agriculture occurred in June and for the second time each meeting was held virtually. Due to time differences this meant a night shift for PVRO Examiners. The meetings went well with an increased number of participants. In comparison with last year, participants are now more experienced with this format with the sessions running more smoothly. A new development this year was the virtual mini field trip. The discussions included an item on improving the effectiveness of future working parties which shared views on ways to incorporate the benefits of both in person sessions and the newer benefits of a virtual format.

I. E UPDATE ON THE PVR ACT REVIEW

The new Plant Variety Rights Bill has been introduced to Parliament and received its first reading on 17 May 2021. The Bill has now been referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation select committee. A discussion document setting out proposals for regulations to support the new PVR regime and a review of PVR fees is underway, with consultation on regulations and fees in the coming months.

I. F STAFF CHANGES

PVRO is pleased to report that Kylie Miller has been appointed a Senior PVR Examiner