

CIOPORA

Membership program 2023

Lawyer members



*Join our
global
breeder
community!*

International Community of Breeders of
Asexually Reproduced Horticultural Varieties



JOIN CIOPORA

CIOPORA is based on the shared belief in the value of innovation for the green sector and the importance of Intellectual Property (IP) for plants for the sustainable development of horticulture. Since 1961, CIOPORA has been UNITING BREEDERS behind its mission to advance and harmonize the systems of IP protection for plants worldwide, including Plant Breeders' Rights, Patents, Plant Patents and Trademarks.

While the two-thirds of CIOPORA membership is comprised of plant breeders and title-holders of asexually reproduced horticultural varieties, IP lawyers and law firms can join the association as members engaging with the CIOPORA breeder community and contributing to its knowledge and awareness towards IP for plants and its recent developments.

Join our global community and take advantage of the exclusive benefits CIOPORA offers to its lawyer members:



FOSTER BUSINESS CONTACTS

- ✓ Receive access to our global breeder community and meet the decision-makers of the green sector
- ✓ Meet lawyer colleagues from around the world, exchange information and work on the pressing issues in the CIOPORA Lawyer Panel



PROMOTE YOUR EXPERTISE

- ✓ Enjoy preferential treatment as a speaker at the CIOPORA events and the CIOPORA Academy workshops and webinars
- ✓ Publish articles on IP for plants via CIOPORA communication channels, including its website, member and public newsletters



SHAPE THE FUTURE

- ✓ Contribute to CIOPORA's global advocacy activities in the area of IP for plant innovations
- ✓ Meet and speak directly to officials and policy-makers at CIOPORA meetings
- ✓ Represent CIOPORA at international events conferences



WHAT WE DO

CIOPORA works on continuous improvement and harmonization of systems of Intellectual Property (IP) protection for plants worldwide:

IP ADVISORY

CIOPORA works on strengthening the systems of IP protection for plants by advising governments on the content of laws and effective enforcement.

REPRESENTATION

CIOPORA represents plant breeders, promotes and lobbies for their interests before international organizations, governments and industry groups.

MONITORING

CIOPORA continuously monitors and reports on the global developments in IP for plants as well as the areas of biotechnology and biodiversity.

EDUCATION ON IP

CIOPORA educates all actors of the horticultural value chain on IP for plants and its economic significance via the CIOPORA Academy program.

COORDINATION

CIOPORA initiates, runs and coordinates member projects and actions, including enforcement, and facilitates networking and business development.

COMMUNICATION

CIOPORA compiles, communicates and promotes comprehensive positions on IP and informs its members about important developments in IP worldwide.

Why join CIOPORA?

1. **WE ADVOCATE:** CIOPORA represents interests of 60% of all PVR title-holders in the world and continuously works on improvement of PVP systems worldwide to benefit your clients.
2. **WE CONNECT:** as a lawyer member your credentials are listed in our IP lawyer directory enhancing your visibility among breeders who seek legal advice in your country.
3. **WE EDUCATE:** by being a part of our community you receive a 360-degree view on the most pressing issues in IP for plants today and expand your expertise.



OPPORTUNITIES



CIOPORA group at the Annual General Meeting in Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2019



CIOPORA members meet Senior Patent Examiners at USPTO, Alexandria, VA, 2018

- Rules on
 - ▶ access to GR through 'PIC' from country of origin
 - ▶ sharing of benefits arising from utilization of GR with country of origin (through 'MAT')
 - ▶ compliance monitoring at checkpoints



Philippe de Jong, Altius, gives a talk at the CIOPORA Academy in Ghent, 2017

YOUR COMMUNITY

CIOPORA is more than an industry organization. It is a true community bringing together IP experts and green sector leaders to network, learn, share experiences, and grow their businesses.

YOUR FORUM

CIOPORA maintains a continuous dialogue with policymakers in the area of IP for plants creating a forum where users of IP systems can report their experiences and needs directly to the competent authorities.

YOUR STAGE

With the goal to educate the green sector on IP for plant innovations, CIOPORA offers IP experts various opportunities to showcase their knowledge and share their experiences, e.g. as speakers at the CIOPORA Academy workshops.



TESTIMONIALS



Philippe de Jong, Partner at Altius, Belgium:

"As a lawyer member of CIOPORA, I have the privilege of being at the forefront of communication and information sharing on the core interests and needs of the ornamental and fruit industry. Legal practice in the plant law domain often involves pioneering work. Within CIOPORA, I truly get to participate in consultations on previously unexplored areas of law, cutting edge litigation and shaping regulatory policies that you know will make a real difference for the CIOPORA community."



Fleur Tuinzing-Westerhuis, Legal Counsel at Houthoff, The Netherlands:

"As a plant IP lawyer, it is of great value to me to exchange experiences with plant breeders keeping track of the latest developments in the green business. My CIOPORA membership also provides me with the chance to contribute to CIOPORA's efforts to continuously develop and improve IP systems for the protection of plant varieties worldwide. CIOPORA also offers an extensive network of lawyer colleagues from different countries, which enables me to find a 'go-to' person for advice on local matters."



Travis Bliss, Partner at Panitch Schwarze IP Law, USA:

"The education that CIOPORA provides on plant IP rights and strategies on how to employ those rights effectively, is invaluable to both green industry members and legal practitioners active in this space. In addition, I have made countless contacts with industry leaders and international plant IP specialists, which again is invaluable to someone practising law in this area. Every time I attend a CIOPORA event, it is definitely time well spent!"



MEMBERSHIP & CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMBERSHIP FOR LAWYERS

CIOPORA regards its lawyer members, comprising approximately one-fifth of its membership base, as an integral part of its member community. Knowledge and experience, that lawyer colleagues from around the world bring to the association, is instrumental for the achievement of the CIOPORA objectives.

CATEGORY	WHO QUALIFIES?	VOTING RIGHTS	CONTRIBUTION
LAWYER MEMBERS	A lawyer or a law firm specialized in the area of Intellectual Property protection for asexually reproduced horticultural varieties	–	Basic fee + Annual fee

All membership applications are subjects to approval by the CIOPORA Board.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CIOPORA is an independent, impartial, non-governmental and non-profit association. All CIOPORA activities are financed by the annual contributions of its members.

CIOPORA lawyer members contribute a single annual payment consisting of a basic fee and an additional fee. The membership dues are invoiced in the first week of January on an annual basis. The CIOPORA contributions are subjects to an annual increase of 2%. Pro rata temporis rule applies to all new members.

Contribution calculation example:

	Basic fee	Additional fee	Annual total 2023
Lawyer member fee	€ 1.430	€ 1.430	€ 2.860



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name:

Position

Acting on
behalf of:

Address:

Tel./Fax:

Email:

Website:

I/We hereby apply for membership in CIOPORA as a lawyer member.

I declare that being fully aware of the provisions of the [CIOPORA Bylaws](#), I accept them and shall abide by them (<https://bit.ly/2k1yvu5>).

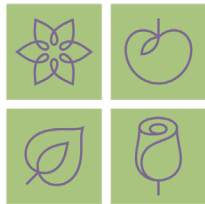
I hereby consent to paying the annual membership fee of € 2.860 EUR (2023).

I hereby consent to handling of my personal and professional data by CIOPORA and agree to receive notifications from CIOPORA via email. Please check our [Privacy Policy](#) (<https://bit.ly/2lyDwL6>).

I agree to pay one-time admission fee of € 100,00.

Date & place

Signature & organization seal



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