

Subject: Request for registration of cultivar epithets for *Populus* and *Salix*

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Dear Breeders of *Populus* and *Salix* and Researchers of the *Salicaceae*,

The Working Party 1 “Taxonomy, Nomenclature and Registration” of the International Poplar Commission (formerly Sub-Committee on Nomenclature and Registration) is currently revitalising the registration process for cultivars of poplars and willows.

As new cultivars of poplars and willows are selected, referral to these taxa and their detailed descriptions must be established and maintained. The Working Party 1 “Taxonomy, Nomenclature and Registration”, which holds the International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for *Populus* and *Salix*”, is charged with the registration of the cultivars names.

While the ICRA system is international in its scope, its success depends upon the voluntary assistance of all those involved with the creation of new plants, and we would like to encourage your submission of the Cultivar Registration Forms.

Please check the updated website at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/ipc/69637/en/> where you can find the following documents:

- The importance of registering cultivar names with ICRA
- How to name a new cultivar
- How to register a new cultivar
- Registration Form for a cultivar name of *Populus* L.
- Registration Form for a cultivar name of *Salix* L
- Image Copyright Form and other publications of the Working Party 1
- Checklist for cultivars of *Populus* (poplar)
- Checklist for cultivars of *Salix* (willow)
- **International Register of *Populus* Cultivars**
- **International Register of *Salix* Cultivars** (in preparation)

Please note that the Checklists contains all possible published cultivar names, while the Register – only the names for which a formal application was submitted to our Working Party.

An application providing a proposed cultivar epithet, essential information on the origin, and a synthetic description should be sent to the IPC:

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For *Salix* to Julia Kuzovkina (University of Connecticut, USA) jkuzovkina@uconn.edu

Please check all information related to cultivar descriptions in the updated versions of the International Register of *Populus* Cultivars and Checklists and inform us regarding any discrepancies.

In case the proposed cultivar epithet is compliant with the international rules described in the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP) and the information required for the registration has been provided, the new cultivar is established and accepted in the International Register of Cultivars. The

Working Party 1 produces and maintains the Register of cultivar names in the public domain, which makes it available to the international community as a free service.

We are happy to assist you with any clarifications regarding the registration process and cultivar naming.

We would very much appreciate if you could send the application forms or updated information to the Committee by **February 1, 2017**. Your submissions will contribute to the nomenclatural stability of cultivated poplars and willows.

Sincerely,

Julia Kuzovkina and Lorenzo Vietto

Working Party 1 “Taxonomy, Nomenclature and Registration” of the International Poplar Commission