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(54) CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED 'G22CIP06PI'

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(57) ABSTRACT

A new and distinct cultivar of *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'G22CIP06PI', characterized by its upright, outwardly spreading and uniformly rounded plant habit; moderately vigorous growth habit; freely branching habit; dense and full plant habit; flexible stems; dark green-colored leaves; uniform and freely flowering habit; long flowering period; medium to large-sized decorative type inflorescences with ray florets that are pink in color; and excellent garden performance.

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Botanical designation: *Chrysanthemum* X *morifolium*. Cultivar denomination: 'G22CIP06PI'.

STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR DISCLOSURES BY INVENTOR/APPLICANT

An European Community Plant Breeder's Rights application for the instant plant was filed by the Assignee, Paraty B.V.B.A. of Oostnieuwkerke, Belgium on Dec. 17, 2020, application number 2020/3334. Foreign priority is not claimed to this application.

There have been no offers for sale anywhere in the world prior to the effective filing date of this Application and no accessibility to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The Inventor/Applicant asserts that no publications nor advertisements relating to sales, offers for sale or public distribution occurred more than one year prior to the effective filing date of this application. Any information about the claimed plant would have been obtained from a direct or indirect disclosure from the Inventor/Applicant. Inventor/Applicant claims a prior art exception under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(1) for disclosure and/or sales prior to the filing date but less than one year prior to the effective filing date.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Chrysanthemum* plant, botanically known as *Chrysanthemum* X *morifolium* and hereinafter referred to by the name ³⁰ 'G22CIP06PI'.

The new *Chrysanthemum* plant is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Oostnieuwkerke, Belgium. The objective of the breeding program is to create new uniformly mounding and freely

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flowering *Chrysanthemum* plants with unique and attractive inflorescence form and ray floret coloration.

The new *Chrysanthemum* plant originated from a crosspollination made by the Inventor in Oostnieuwkerke, Belgium in October, 2015 of *Chrysanthemum* X *morifolium* 'Sirena', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 12,434, as the female, or seed, parent with *Chrysanthemum* X *morifolium* 'Busca', not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new *Chrysanthemum* plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a flowering plant from within the progeny of the stated cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in Oostnieuwkerke, Belgium in October, 2016.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Chrysanthemum* plant by vegetative terminal cuttings was first conducted in a controlled greenhouse environment in Oostnieuwkerke, Belgium in January, 2017. Asexual reproduction by vegetative terminal cuttings has shown that the unique features of this new *Chrysanthemum* plant are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'G22CIP06PI'. These characteristics in combination distinguish 'G22CIP06PI' as a new and distinct *Chrysanthemum* plant:

- 1. Upright, outwardly spreading and uniformly rounded plant habit; moderately vigorous growth habit.
- 2. Freely branching habit; dense and full plant habit; flexible stems.
- 3. Dark green-colored leaves.
- 4. Uniform and freely flowering habit.
- 5. Long flowering period.

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- 6. Medium to large-sized decorative type inflorescences with ray florets that are pink in color.
- 7. Excellent garden performance.

Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* can be compared to plants of the female parent, 'Sirena'. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* differ primarily from plants of 'Sirena' in the following characteristics:

- 1. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* are more uniformly rounded than plants of 'Sirena'.
- 2. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* flower about one 10 week later than plants of 'Sirena'.
- 3. Ray florets of plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* are lighter pink in color than ray florets of plants of 'Sirena'.

Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* can be compared to 15 plants of the male parent, 'Busca'. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* differ primarily from plants of 'Busca' in the following characteristics:

- 1. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* are more uniformly rounded than plants of 'Busca'.
- 2. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* flower earlier than plants of 'Busca'.
- 3. Ray florets of plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* are ligulate in shape whereas ray florets of plants of 'Busca' are somewhat quilled.

Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* can also be compared to plants of *Chrysanthemum* X *morifolium* 'Arluno Dark Pink', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 30,943. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* differ primarily from plants of 'Arluno Dark Pink' in the following 30 characteristics:

- 1. Inflorescences of plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* are larger than inflorescences of plants of 'Arluno Dark Pink'.
- 2. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* flower about one 35 week earlier than plants of 'Arluno Dark Pink'.
- 3. Ray florets of plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* are lighter pink in color than ray florets of plants of 'Arluno Dark Pink'.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying photograph illustrates the overall appearance of the new *Chrysanthemum* plant showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored 45 reproductions of this type. The photograph comprises a top perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'G22CIP06PI' grown in a container.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph and following observations and measurements describe plants grown in 19-cm containers in an outdoor nursery in Oostnieuwkerke, Belgium under natural daylengths during the autumn and employing cultural practices typically used in commercial *Chrysanthemum* production. During the production of the plants, day temperatures ranged from 20° C. to 25° C. and night temperatures ranged from 12° C. to 18° C. Plants were 20 weeks old when the photograph and detailed description were taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 2015 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Chrysanthemum* X morifolium 65 'G22CIP06PI'.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Chrysanthemum X morifolium 'Sirena', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 12,434.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Chrysanthemum X morifo-lium 'Busca', not patented.

Propagation:

Type cutting.—By vegetative tip cuttings.

Time to initiate roots, summer.—About 14 days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About 20 days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.— About 30 days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.—About 40 days at temperatures about 20° C.

Root description.—Fine, fibrous; typically light brown in color, actual color of the roots is dependent on substrate composition, water quality, fertilizer type and formulation, substrate temperature and physiological age of roots.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; medium density. Plant description:

Appearance.—Perennial decorative type Chrysanthemum with ligulate-shaped ray florets; stems upright and outwardly spreading giving a uniformly rounded appearance to the plant; plants roughly spherical; very freely branching habit, about 25 to 30 primary lateral branches develop, each primary lateral branch with multiple secondary branches; pinching is not required, but will enhance lateral branch development; dense and full plant habit; moderately vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate; plants flexible, not brittle.

Plant height.—About 40 cm.

Plant width.—About 50 cm.

Lateral branches.—Length: About 25 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm to 3 mm. Internode length: About 2 cm. Strength: Moderately strong, flexible. Texture: Pubescent, fine; longitudinally ridged. Color: Close to 146B.

Leaves.—Arrangement: Alternate, simple. Length: About 3 cm to 5 cm. Width: About 2.5 cm to 3 cm. Apex: Rounded to cuspidate. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Palmately lobed and serrate, sinuses between lateral lobes divergent to parallel. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Slightly pubescent. Venation: Palmately reticulate. Color: Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to 137C. Developing leaves, lower surface: Close to 137D. Fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to NN137C; venation, close to 148C. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 147B; venation, close to 147B to 147C. Petioles: Length: About 1 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Slightly pubescent; slightly rough. Color, upper surface: Close to 146C. Color, lower surface: Close to 146D. Stipules: Length: About 1 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Slightly pubescent. Color, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 137A.

Inflorescence description:

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Appearance.—Decorative type inflorescence form; inflorescences borne on terminals above foliar plane; disc and ray florets arranged acropetally on a capitulum.

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Fragrance.—Slightly fragrant, pungent.

Flowering response.—Under natural season conditions, plants flower during early September in Belgium; flowering response time, about 30 days.

Postproduction longevity.—Inflorescences maintain ⁵ good color and substance for about six weeks; inflorescences persistent.

Quantity of inflorescences.—About 30 to 35 inflorescences develop per lateral branch.

Inflorescence buds.—Height: About 8 mm. Diameter: 10 About 1.3 cm. Shape: Globular. Color: Close to 186D.

Inflorescence diameter.—About 5.5 cm.

Inflorescence depth (height).—About 2.5 cm.

Disc diameter.—About 3 mm; inconspicuous.

Receptacle diameter.—About 3 mm.

Receptacle height.—About 2.5 mm to 3 mm.

Receptacle shape.—Raised dome.

Receptacle color.—Close to 144B.

About 150 to 200 arranged in about ten whorls. Length: About 3.5 cm to 5 cm. Width: About 7 mm. Shape: Ligulate. Apex: Rounded. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Aspect: Mostly horizontal. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; matte. Color: When opening, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 75B. Fully opened, upper surface: Close to 75B; color becoming closer to 75C with development. Fully opened, lower surface: Close to 75C; color does not change with development.

Disc florets.—Number of disc florets per inflorescence: About 20 massed at the center of the inflorescence. Length: About 3 mm. Diameter: About 0.5 mm to 1

mm. Shape: Tubular; apices dentate. Texture and luster: Smooth, glabrous; glossy. Color, immature: Close to 145A. Color, mature: Close to 12A.

Phyllaries.—Number of phyllaries per inflorescence: About 25 arranged in two or three whorls. Length: About 4 mm to 6 mm. Width: About 2 mm to 3 mm. Shape: Ovate. Apex: Rounded. Base: Rounded to truncate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper surface: Close to 137A. Color, lower surface: Close to NN137B.

Peduncles.—Length, terminal peduncle: About 5 cm. Length, fourth peduncle: About 5 cm. Length, seventh peduncle: About 5 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Angle: About 30° from vertical. Strength: Moderately strong. Texture: Slightly pubescent. Color: Close to 146B.

Reproductive organs.—Androecium: Stamen development has not been observed on inflorescences of the new *Chrysanthemum*. Gynoecium: Pistil development has not been observed on inflorescences of the new *Chrysanthemum*.

Seeds and fruits.—To date, seed and fruit production have not been observed on plants of the new *Chrysanthemum*.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* have demonstrated excellent garden performance and will tolerate temperatures ranging from about 1° C. to about 45° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'G22CIP06PI' as illustrated and described.

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