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International Grain Trade Coalition

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April 11 is the IGTC's General Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada! We will welcome participants from all corners of the globe to discuss the latest priorities of the grain trade. IGTC participants will also be attending the [Canadian Global Crops Symposium](#), April 12-13, also at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg - join the conversation with #cgcs16 on Twitter.

Events

Contracts and Best Practices under the spotlight in Winnipeg

On 14 April our colleagues at NAEGA will hold a seminar on Contracts and Best Practices for the International Grain and Oilseed Trade – you are encouraged not to miss this important event, to be held from 9.30-4pm on 14 April.

Deadline 15 April: IGTC tickets for Gafta 'London dinner'

On the evening of June 14, GAFTA is holding its 2016 London dinner at 8 Northumberland Avenue. IGTC participants can access at a 20% discount. Tickets are selling fast, to be included in the IGTC 20%

IGTC in action

IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

The IGTC was present in Rome this week for the IPPC's annual Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) – seen as the global 'parliament' of National and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs/RPPOs). The IGTC was able to reach out to more than ten governments at the meeting, whose key aims in Rome were to discuss commodity standards; ePhyto certificates; as well as undertake a special session on 'Minimizing pest movement by sea containers'. IGTC was accompanied by other industry observers such as the International Seed Federation (ISF) and the Seed Association of the Americas (SAA).



IGTC's ISPM survey: Milestone complete

The IGTC has received a wealth of responses to its survey on phytosanitary pests and the results are truly global. Many IGTC members and Corporate Stakeholders went to great lengths to provide replies, and the results – at 50+ pages - are providing the IGTC with important information about the current conditions faced by traders and will help shape the IGTC Strategy. The aim of the survey was to get a good picture of the breadth and depth of the phytosanitary concerns among the IGTC Corporate Stakeholders, and ultimately to secure the most trade enabling and least trade distortive measures.



ePhyto Hub pilot approved

The IGTC and other global industry trade-flow representatives will at the first Industry Advisory Group on the global ePhyto Hub at FAO HQ in Rome on May 10. In addition, IPPC and WTO have agreed to begin rolling out their ePhyto pilot project, which aims to develop a harmonized interface for transfer of electronic certificates,

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as well as bringing in a generic national system to promote the use of ePhytos in developing countries and beyond. The IPPC/WTO project and its work plan is outlined here: <http://bit.ly/1VwF4Oh> 14 countries are participating, of which eight are piloting the hub with their existing national system (including Australia, Canada, Kenya and USA) and the remaining six will pilot using a generic national system (including Egypt, Ghana and Guatemala). The IGTC's work will continue to be underpinned by its Working Group on E-Docs.

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