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**IGTC**  
International Grain Trade Coalition

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**PHOTOS:** Visit [this link](#) to see the latest photos from the IGTC meetings in London this week! Do you have photos to add to our collection? Please contact the [Secretariat](#).

## Events

### WTO seminar on e-Certificates

The Standards and Trade Development Facility of the World Trade Organization is holding a [seminar on electronic phytosanitary certificates](#) on 28 June in Geneva. A delegation of 8 IGTC participants will be present at the session, the aim of which is to identify good practice and future action to support the smooth transition from paper based to automated SPS controls systems.

## Links

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### Tribute to Geoff Honey



Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of our colleague and friend Geoff Honey, CEO Grain Trade Australia, whose passing represents a great loss for the international grain trade. We will always be grateful for his strong support of the IGTC, and his hard work to strengthen the Coalition in order to allow the international movement of grains to flourish.

Geoff was a personal friend to many at the IGTC and will be sadly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the [Royal Flying Doctor Service](#).

### IGTC Strategy Session

This week's IGTC Strategy Session in London was attended by 23 grain trade leaders from 10 countries. Strategies were agreed for the following IGTC priorities, please contact us if you wish to increase your participation in any of these files:



- E-Documentation for grain trading
- Low Level Presence
- Plant breeding innovation
- Cartagena Biosafety Protocol
- International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures at IPPC
- UN Global Harmonization System for the Classification of Chemicals
- Enabling the Business of Agriculture – World Bank
- NEW: Maximum Residue Levels

## Centre stage at IGC



The IGTC took centre stage twice at this week's International Grains Council Conference in London, to an audience of over 300 grain trade actors and international decision makers. IGTC Vice President Teresa Babuscio gave a [presentation](#) on current activities, as well as emphasising the role of the IGTC in convening expertise to advise policy makers on the commercial realities of the movement of grains and other agri bulks. The IGTC's lunchtime sponsor's message focussed on the promising opportunity of E-Documentation for the grain trade.

Importantly, there was also the implementation of the IGTC's 'observer' status at IGC, when IGTC was invited to formally participate at the 43rd Council session on Monday 13th June.

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## Cartagena Biosafety Protocol



The IGTC's policy on the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol has been finalised and approved by the Management Council, and is now ready for dissemination among the IGTC's global network. The policy can be read [here](#).

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