



**IGTC**  
International Grain Trade Coalition

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**IGTC calendar:** You can read about all upcoming 2016/17 meetings in one place – the IGTC’s calendar: [here](#). Please let us know if you wish to add any events to our agenda. Don’t forget the IGTC’s next General Assembly and Strategy Session will take place on 8 November, 2016 in Geneva! Registration [here](#).

## Events

### **August 30- September 2: Global Trade Exchange, Indianapolis, Indiana USA**

The U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) and the Midwest Shippers Association (MSA) are hosting their signature event known for its value as well as its exclusive access to qualified international buyers. Link [here](#).

### **September 9: International Grains Council (IGC) Markets Conditions Committee**

The IGTC will give a report on “Current Developments in Policy and Trade Practice” to the 27 member countries and

## IGTC in Action

### **ISPM advocacy strategy**

Pest risk assessment and the identification of import requirements are just two of the issues under discussion at the at the IPPC’s Expert Working Group on a new International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) on the movement of grain. The forthcoming ISPM will have a potentially significant impact on global trade flows and the IGTC will be present during the first stage of its drafting process from September 19-24 in Melbourne, Australia, in order to provide expertise from a grain trade perspective. The IGTC’s policy document on the ISPM is [here](#).



### **En español/em português: Electronic documents poll**



Thanks to IGTC volunteers, the online poll on the adoption of electronic documents has now been translated in Spanish [here](#) and Portuguese [here](#) (original in English [here](#)). The results of the poll will be used to help the IGTC to enhance communication activities and tell the “story” of how industry innovation and uptake of electronic trade

documentation is evolving, as well as supporting the IGTC’s work with global institutions such as the WTO and IPPC. All responses are treated confidentially.

### **Plant breeding innovation**



The Swiss Academies of Science have echoed many of their global counterparts in stating that, from a scientific point of view, there is no reason for strict regulation of new plant breeding techniques. A fact sheet from the Swiss Academies of Science published this month can be read [here](#). It provides insight on a number of issues including the importance of research and

innovation in plant breeding; the need for rigorous safety assessments; and product vs process regulation. The IGTC’s policy document on plant breeding innovation can be read [here](#).

observers of the IGC at its Market Conditions Committee meeting in London.

## **September 19-23: EWG on ISPM for grain, Melbourne, Australia**

The IPPC's 1st meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) for the International Movement of Grain (ISPM) will be attended by a select group of governments and industry representatives, including Dr. Marcel Bruins, IGTC Senior Science Advisor.

## **Links**

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