

IGTC Newsletter 9 September 2016

IGTC calendar: Don't forget the IGTC's next General Assembly and Strategy Session will take place on 8 November, 2016 in Geneva! Registration here.

Events

September 19-24: 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.

October 24-27: Export Exchange 2016 Detroit, USA

Nearly 200 international buyers and end-users are expected to attend this biennial meeting, as well as more than 300 domestic suppliers. More information about the educational

IGTC in Action

IGC Market Conditions Committee, London

The IGTC was present today, 9 September, at the Market Conditions Committee of the International Grains Council (IGC) in London. As an IGC official 'Observer', the IGTC gave a timely briefing to government representatives and stakeholders under the agenda item "Current Developments in Policy and Trade Practice", with particular emphasis on two upcoming meetings:



- 1. IPPC Expert Working Group (EWG) on a new International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) on grain, 19-24 September, Melbourne.
- Conference of the Parties (COP) and meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, 4-17 December, Cancún, Mexico.

The IGTC's briefing circulated at the meeting is here.

Deadline 30 September: COP-MOP meetings, Cancún



The deadline to nominate IGTC delegates for the COP-MOP meetings on the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol is fast approaching: 30 September. The IGTC welcomes global grain trade actors to join the IGTC delegation at the COP-MOP, taking place at the Moon Palace Convention Centre, Cancún, Mexico from 4-17 December 2016. Those wishing to be nominated

should contact the IGTC Secretariat before 25 September 2016: secretariat@igtcglobal.org

Update: IPPC Expert Working Group – ISPM for grain



The IGTC's ISPM Policy Team, bringing together 21 grain trade experts from around the world, convened this week to finalise priorities prior to the meeting of the IPPC's Expert Working Group (EWG) from 19-24 September in Melbourne. The IGTC will be present at the Melbourne meeting, which marks the

beginning of the drafting process of the ISPM. The IGTC will reiterate its call for trade-

sessions and networking opportunities is <u>here</u>.

November 8: IGTC General Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland

IGTC participants from around the world are invited to join the November 2016 General Assembly in Geneva, where key decisions will be taken on membership, governance, operations and structure of the Coalition. More information here.

November 17: Gafta Trade & Trends Forum, Singapore

The second Trade & Trends Forum will be held in Singapore to discuss regional hot topic issues, including government policies on sustainability and financial regulation. More information here.

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facilitative measures as laid out in its agreed <u>policy document</u>, as well as highlighting the importance of maintaining "<u>Specification 60</u>" as the principle basis for the drafting of the ISPM.

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