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The IGTC flyer is flying! The [new IGTC flyer](#) has now been distributed in six countries, over three continents! There will be opportunities to distribute **your** literature during the IGTC's meetings on November 8 in Geneva – register [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) has been 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 sessions and networking opportunities is [here](#).

IGTC in Action

Update: IPPC Expert Working Group on the ISPM for grain

The IGTC was in Melbourne, Australia this week to attend the meeting of the IPPC's Expert Working Group (EWG) on a new ISPM for grain.



The IGTC held 'Daily Debrief' calls to get feedback from its Policy Team on issues as they emerged – including notification of import requirements; sampling and testing; and recognition of existing industry practices. There remains strong support among the grain trade community to stick to "[Specification 60](#)" as the principle basis for the drafting of the ISPM, along with the trade facilitative measures outlined in the IGTC [policy document](#).

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) kindly hosted an educational visit to Geelong port for the EWG, as well as a networking dinner on Wednesday evening.

We confirm that pen has now been put to paper by the EWG, forming the outline of a draft ISPM for further consultation. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) remains committed to dialogue with the grain trade as the drafting continues.

Biotechnology and trade side event – WTO



Dr. Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes, University of Missouri; Paulo Paes de Andrade, Department of Genetics at the Pernambuco Federal University in Recife, Brazil; and Dr. Margaret Karembu, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA) were among the presenters at this week's WTO seminar entitled "Benefits of Science-based Agricultural

Biotechnology Trade and Regulatory Regimes". The seminar raised awareness of the benefits of biotechnology for farmers, the importance of science based decision-making, and the impact on trade. The presentations can be found on the [IGTC Intranet](#) on the 'Production Technologies' page, under 'Biotechnology'.

Five more countries ratify the Nagoya Protocol to the CBD

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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France, Mali, the Netherlands, the Republic of Moldova and Sweden are the latest countries to ratify the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. There are just 15 more needed to reach the CBD's goal of 100 ratifications before MOP2 to the Nagoya Protocol in December 2016. More information [here](#).

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