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Annual activity report! Did you miss the IGTC's 2017 activity report? Then don't hesitate to request it from the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

Events

February 26-27: WTO Workshop on MRLs - Geneva, Switzerland

This "invitation only" event will see select government and industry representatives discuss solution-building on MRL setting. The event is organised by the governments of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and USA. An IGTC delegation will be present.

February 28: MRL Policy Team call

Team Lead June Arnold (Gafta) will guide discussions. To join the Policy Team, contact the [Secretariat](#)

March 6: International Grains Council Market Conditions Committee - London, UK

IGTC in Action

ePhyto Symposium – Malaysia – ePhyto testing is underway



Thank you to the IGTC delegation who participated in the IPPC's 3rd ePhyto Symposium in Kuala Lumpur! The IGTC took centre stage at the event on Tuesday, with a presentation given by Gerard McMullen of Grain Trade Australia (GTA) on behalf of IGTC.

Four of the pilot countries signed up to the government-government initiative are currently sending and receiving 'test' certificates (Argentina, Chile, Kenya, USA - [for live updates click here](#)). The broader testing phase, which includes reporting back on findings, is likely to continue throughout 2019. The exchange of ePhytos will not go "live" until after then.

An Industry Advisory Group met in the margins of the Symposium, during which there was agreement among trade flow representatives and governments on the need for companies to be involved in the test exchanges. This exercise will shine a light on the needs of grain trade companies and others for the future implementation of ePhytos.

The IGTC's Working Group on electronic trading documentation has been given a full update from the Kuala Lumpur meetings. If you would like to join the Working Group please contact secretariat@igtglobal.org

IGTC thanks Vice President Dr. Teresa Babuscio for service to the grain trade

We present our gratitude to our friend and colleague Dr. Teresa Babuscio for her ten years of service with the grain trade and the IGTC. As a lawyer, industry leader, and specialist in agriculture, food and regulatory affairs, Dr. Babuscio has been a



The IGTC will be one of the presenters at this information-sharing session with the 55 member governments of the IGC. This will be the first meeting with the new Executive Director Arnaud Petit.

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passionate advocate for trade facilitation and the importance of a modern agri-food value chain.

The IGTC was able to achieve key successes thanks to the work of Dr. Babuscio. As Vice President, she has led positive change in international policy making. As COCERAL Secretary General, Dr. Babuscio led the IGTC's Policy Team on Plant Breeding Innovation, driving a global advocacy strategy and the IGTC's policy document ([here](#)). The IGTC will continue to benefit from COCERAL leadership of its PBI Policy Team after Teresa's 21st February departure.

Deadline extension: IGTC questionnaire on MRLs



The IGTC's survey on the enforcement of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of crop protection products has been extended until 9th February. Our questionnaire is part of an effort by the IGTC's MRL Policy Team to collect information on the trade risks and impacts resulting from official actions to manage crop protection product chemistry in agricultural products. The results of the questionnaire will benefit the global grain trade as they are used to inform strategic advocacy efforts to improve the market and regulatory environment for the trade of products. To take part please contact the IGTC Secretariat: Secretariat@igtglobal.org

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