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Book now! Preferential rates for International Grains Council (IGC) conference: Time is running out for you to benefit from IGTC member rates at the upcoming IGC annual conference (Westminster, London, June 19-20). Contact secretariat@igtglobal.org for details.

Events

May 14-18: IGTC Secretariat visit - Washington, D.C, USA

The IGTC Secretariat will be hosted for one week by the North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA). Outreach activities will be conducted to raise awareness about the IGTC global network and policy agenda.

June 7-8: COCERAL Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 60th anniversary congress – Brussels, Belgium

The programme will include “An Outlook on the Future of Trade”, with speakers from the European Commission,

IGTC in Action

Bilateral meeting with the International Seed Federation (ISF) – Nyon, Switzerland



On April 26 the IGTC and the ISF met to continue discussions on plant production methods and their impact on the international movement of seed, grain, and other agri-bulks. Top of the agenda was the need for information-sharing to prevent disruptions to trade. The IGTC’s Policy Team on Plant Breeding Innovation will be informed about the outcomes of the meeting, and consulted on the best way forward. If you would like to join the Policy Team please contact the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

Picture: IGTC delegation and ISF delegation, April 26, Nyon, Switzerland

IGTC welcomes Acting Vice President Iliana Axiotiades

COCERAL Secretary General Iliana Axiotiades ([more about Iliana here](#)) has taken office as IGTC Acting Vice President, providing leadership as the newest member of the IGTC Executive. Iliana’s experience, expertise and influence at the highest levels of the European policy making environment are valuable additions to the IGTC team. We welcome her in our global effort to achieve a market and regulatory environment supportive of trade that avoids disruptions in the international movement of grain, oilseeds, pulses and derived products.



The next IGTC office holder elections will take place at the General Assembly on November 28, 2018 in Beijing, China.

Call for interest and participation: Cartagena Biosafety Protocol

Rabobank, as well as other thought leaders from the agri-food value chain.

June 18: IGTC Strategy Session - London, UK

Global grain trade leaders will gather to discuss issues of mutual interest as per the IGTC policy and outreach agenda. Gafta will be our hosts.

June 19-20: IGC conference – London, UK

Speakers at this eminent annual event include the governments of Argentina, Australia, China, Morocco and USA. IGTC will lead a grain trade workshop on the morning of June 20. For more information go to www.igc.int

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A number of recommendations have emerged from the IGTC Policy Team on the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol following a Team conference call on 24 April. In preparation for the upcoming COP-MOP 9, to take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 10-22 November 2018, we call for grain trade experts to assist us in focusing on issues of direct relevance to IGTC mandate and agenda. Issues include:



- Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)
- Detection and sampling
- Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16)
- Transit and contained use (Article 6)
- Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress
- Synthetic biology and digital sequence information on genetic resources

Please register your interest with the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

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