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## **NAEGA Member Participation Opportunity**

### **FGIS and Industry Workshop – Portland, Oregon, August 13**

Dr. Neil Hoffman, Chief Science Officer from USDA APHIS plans to address the NAEGA-NGFA hosted regional Industry and Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Workshop on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Dr. Hoffman will discuss the finding of the Round Up ready genetic material in wheat plants from a field in Oregon.

The event will be held at the Courtyard Hotel by Marriott at 435 NE Wasco St. Portland, Oregon. The Workshop is a continuation of a series of meetings at export port locations which are intended to expand understanding and identify needs related to U.S. Official grain inspection.

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The workshops have proven to be an excellent venue for direct interaction with FGIS leadership and local personnel. All NAEGA member companies are welcome to attend these Workshops. The agenda can be found [here](#).

If you plan to attend please let us know, or register [here](#).

### **2013 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Cancun, Mexico, August 15-17**

The 2013 Asociación de Proveedores de Productores Agropecuarios México (APPAMEX) - NAEGA Forum will be held August 15-17, 2013 at the in Cancun, Mexico. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> APPAMEX-NAEGA forum, and the theme for this year’s forum is, “Mexico’s Integration in the Global Food Security: 20 years of Commerce for the Service of the Mexican Agri-Food Industry”.

NAEGA members are invited and encouraged to attend. Sam Bonilla and Gary Martin are participating and will be investigating ongoing changes to Mexico’s controls on grain and oilseed imports related to phyto-sanitary and quality concerns as well as presenting on key topics of NAEGA interest.

Registration for the forum can be done on the APPAMEX [website](#), and the current agenda can be found [here](#).

### **Vietnam Plant Law Team to Visit the U.S. – Washington, D.C., August 21**

A Vietnam Plant Health Law team will visit the United States and meet with NAEGA and U.S. industry on August 21 from 11:00am to 12:30pm at NAEGA’s office at 1250 I St. NW Washington, D.C. 20005. Topics of the meeting include a draft law on Plant Protection and quarantine, recent directives on animal feed as well as other issues of concern to importers and exporters of grain and oilseeds.

The following officials are included in the Vietnamese team:

- Mr. Nguyen Vinh Ha, Vice Chairman, NA Science and Technology Committee (team leader)
- Dr. Phung Duc Tien, Commissioner, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Office of NA
- Dr. Nguyen Xuan Hong, Director General, MARD/PPD
- Dr. Nguyen Quy Duong, DG, MARD/PPD/ICD
- Dr. Tran Xuan Dung, NA Science and Technology Committee
- Ms. Tran Ngoc Hoa; NA Science and Technology Committee
- Ms. Tran Thi Huong Giang, Legal Advisor, FAEA’s Representative
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Huong Nguyen, FAS, Hanoi

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A file with documents for the meeting can be downloaded [here](#). Lunch will be served in conjunction with the meeting. NAEGA members are welcome to attend. Please contact Kyle or Gary if you plan to attend.

### **Taiwanese Goodwill Mission – Washington, D.C., September 10**

NAEGA will co-host a Taiwanese goodwill mission reception on September 10, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm EDT at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.

The Taiwanese Mission will sign Letters of Intent (LOI) to show that the industry people from Taiwan intend to buy stipulated quantities of grains and co-products from the U.S. during 2014 and 2015. The primary function of this mission is to help enhance the face-to-face relationships with grain producers, key leaders of related associations, and government leaders.

NAEGA Member representatives are invited. If you would like to attend, please let Gary or Kyle know.

### **2013 US Soy Global Trade Exchange – Davenport, Iowa, September 16-18**

NAEGA is supporting the U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange. Hosted by the U.S. Soybean Export Council and the Midwest Shippers Association in the Quad Cities – Davenport, Iowa from September 16-18, NAEGA President, Gary C. Martin, is scheduled to moderate a panel.

A preliminary agenda can be found [here](#).

### **NAEGA Fall Board Meeting – Wayzata, Minnesota, September 18**

NAEGA’s fall board meeting is scheduled to meet on September 18, 2013 from 10:00am (CDT) to 3:00pm (CDT) at Cargill, 15407 McGinty Road West, Wayzata, Minnesota.

All NAEGA Members are invited to attend. A draft agenda, including reports from all NAEGA Committees will be developed in August. **Please let us know what issues you want on the agenda by Friday August 23.**

### **NAPPO Annual Meeting 2013 – Guelph, Ontario, October 28**

The 2013 North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) annual meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon. NAEGA will likely participate. Updates on agenda are forthcoming at: <http://www.nappo.org/en/>

***Full Details on Upcoming Events can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member’s Only Page](#) and the [Personal Pages Website](#)***

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## **Reports on NAEGA Actions**

### **Japan - NAEGA Travel Report**

Two recent trips to Japan are the subject of a trip report completed this week. NAEGA President, Gary C. Martin, visited Tokyo, Japan in early May and then again in the middle of June. On both trips Gary participated in meetings with key Japanese grain and oilseed customers and government officials regarding trade policy, commercial practices, biotechnology, sanitary & phytosanitary measures, grain quality and supply security. The May travel was funded in part by the NAEGA Market Access Program the June travel was funded by industry.

The report on Gary’s meetings in Tokyo is posted to NAEGA’s “International Programs Committee” [website](#).

### **World – Trade Agreement Dialogue Meeting**

NAEGA organized a U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialog on pending trade agreements on August 8. Arent Fox hosted the discussion that included representatives from a broad cross section of U.S. stakeholders in the pending TransPacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) with At the off the record meeting, USTR and USDA officials updated and answered questions on the current negotiations.

**NAEGA is considering making comments on the following items. Please contact us with your advice or suggestions:**

#### **2013**

**Nov. 26** – Comments to FDA’s proposed rule on importer/third-party accreditation of foreign foods: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/07/29/2013-17994/accreditation-of-third-party-auditors-certification-bodies-to-conduct-food-safety-audits-and-to-issue>

**TBD** – Comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on draft directives D-12-05: [http://www.naega.org/images/pdf/CFIA\\_Draft\\_D-12-05.pdf](http://www.naega.org/images/pdf/CFIA_Draft_D-12-05.pdf)

*NAEGA Actions on Current Issues are tracked on both the Member’s Only Section under their relevant committee pages and the on the Personal Page’s site. Updates to tracked issues are posted in this section.*

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## **New Issues & Opportunities for NAEGA Consideration**

### **Burma-U.S. – Executive Order on Burmese Imports**

In response to the expiration of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act (BFDA), President Obama issued an Executive Order that repeals the provisions of Executive Order 13310 which

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that implemented the broad BFDA import ban on products from Burma. This announcement increases America’s interaction with Burma and increases opportunity for trade and investment. NAEGA has actively supported Burmese trade.

### **EU-Americas – Trade Agreements**

The European Commission announced a trade agreement between the EU and Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama became effective on August 1, 2013. The European Commission press release stated, “The comprehensive trade part of this agreement will open up markets for goods, public procurement, services and investment on both sides. This will create a stable business and investment environment based on predictable and enforceable trade rules which, in many instances, go further than the commitments the parties have made in the World Trade Organization.”

The complete European Commission press release can be found [here](#).

### **U.S. – EPA RFS Volumes**

The U.S. EPA finalized the 2013 percentage standards for the four fuel categories that are a part of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program established by Congress. The final 2013 overall volumes and standards require 16.55 billion gallons of renewable fuels to be blended into the U.S. fuel supply.

More specifics on the RFS volumes can be found in the [final rule](#).

### **U.S. – FAS Gain Reports**

USDA, FAS recently released GAIN Reports on Japan’s testing and resumption of tender of U.S. wheat. A link to the report on MAFF testing results can be found [here](#) and a link to the report on Japan’s resumption of tender can be found [here](#).

FAS also released an annual GAIN report on agriculture biotechnology in Russia. The GAIN report can be found [here](#).

### **U.S. – FAS Officer Posting**

The USDA, FAS recently posted an update of overseas officers. NAEGA works with these overseas officers on and often meets with them on MAP mission trips. The updated list of FAS overseas officers can be found [here](#).

***If you would like more information or wish to provide comments on any of these news topics monitored by NAEGA, please contact us.***

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## **August**

**13**—Portland, Oregon – FGIS and Industry Workshop

**15-17** – Cancun, Mexico – APPAMEX NAEGA Forum – NAEGA Members Invited to Attend

**21** – Washington, D.C. -- Vietnam Plant Law Team to Visit the U.S. – NAEGA members are welcome to attend a meeting with the Vietnam Plant Law Team from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

**26** – Champaign, Illinois – Illinois Soy International Biotechnology Symposium – Gary will attend and present.

## **September**

**16-20** – London, England – IMO/DSC Meeting – NAEGA’s senior advisor, Jerry Cotter, will attend the IMO/DSC meeting which will cover reception facilities for cargo and access to stockpiles by vessel representatives.

**16-18** – Davenport, Iowa – U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange

**18** – Wayzata, Minnesota – NAEGA Fall Board Meeting at Cargill.

**18-20** - Durban, South Africa - Third Meeting of the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) – Kirk Miller to attend for NAEGA. Paul Green may also attend.

**22-24** – Santander, Spain – Dry Bulk Terminals Group Meeting – NAEGA’s senior advisor, Jerry Cotter, will attend the DBTG meeting which will address Transportation Moisture Limit issues as well as operational and shipping issues and a grain elevator tour.

## **October**

**28 – Nov. 1** – 2013 NAPPO Annual Meeting – NAPPO’s annual meeting has been scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon.

## **November**

**TBD** – Washington, DC – One Day USDA/USAID Food Aid & Development Meeting with Stakeholders

**4-6** – San Antonio, Texas – American Nutrition Forum – Gary Martin attending and presenting

**12-15** – Lisbon, Portugal - 6th International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains: [www.gmcc13.org](http://www.gmcc13.org)

**19-21** – Baltimore, Maryland – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC) 2013 Annual Workshop – NAEGA Members invited to participate

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**2014**

**January -- TBD** – Egypt – 2013 Middle East Regional Trade Conference hosted by U.S. Wheat Associates in cooperation with NAEGA, U.S. Grains Council and U.S. Soybean Export Council

**March**

**31** – 2014 NAEGA Annual Meetings – Hilton Head, South Carolina

**30-April 1** – 2014 NGFA Convention – Hilton Head, South Carolina

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