



## Section Cereals and Pulses - SCP

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### Annotated Agenda

9 October 2017

08h30 – 10h30

Riga, Latvia

### Points of Agenda

#### I. Opening, welcome and approval of the agenda

Mr Michael Gohn, SCP Chairman, will open the meeting and welcome the participants.

The agenda (ESA\_17.0513) will be proposed for approval.

Participants will be asked for items to include under Any Other Business.

#### II. ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines

Participants will be reminded of the ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines (ESA\_11.0246.1) and to act accordingly.

#### III. Minutes of SCP meeting 29.05.2017

The Chairman, with ESA Secretariat, will inform on the status of the minutes of SCP meeting (ESA\_17.0493) held 29 May 2017. One minor editorial comment has been taken into account. Minutes can be, then, proposed to be considered as final.

#### IV. ESA Policy priorities

This item of the agenda covers updates of different horizontal issues of importance for the European seed sector. For each subject, participants are invited to take note of background documents. On most of the subjects, presentations will be given during one of the ESA crop section meetings as indicated.

SCP members interested in these subjects are invited to attend the respective Section meetings.

All presentations will be published on ESA website after its annual meeting.

#### a) Focus on Intellectual Property rights

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Intellectual Property (ESA\_17.0624) and on Brexit (ESA\_17.0625).

Participants will have the opportunity to have an insight on that topic thanks to presentations given during the meeting of the section for Cereals and pulses (SCP):

- **“How does the interface between patents and PBR look now?”** by Szonja CSORGO, ESA Director Intellectual Property & Legal Affairs
- **“Recent activities in farm saved seeds”** by Samuel GASTE, Chair ESA Working Group “Farm saved seeds”
- Round Table: **“Brexit and Breeders rights”** with  
Martin EKVAD, President, Community Plant Variety Office  
Penny MAPLESTONE, Chief Executive, British Society of Plant Breeders  
Marian SUELMANN, Head of Legal Department, Rijk Zwaan (Chair ESA Committee Intellectual Property Rights)

Moderator

Marcel BRUINS, Editorial Director European Seed

#### b) Plant Breeding Innovation

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Breeding Innovation (ESA\_17.0632).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the General Assembly which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 14h00 – 16h00.

#### c) Research & Innovation

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Research & Innovation (ESA\_17.0626).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Maize (SMA) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 11h00 – 13h00.

#### d) Seed Treatment

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Seed Treatment (ESA\_17.0627).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

e) Plant Health

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Health (ESA\_17.0628).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Fodder crops and Amenity grasses (SFG) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 16h30 – 18h30.

f) Biodiversity

Participants are invited to take note of the background documents on:

- the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization (ESA\_17.0630);
- the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ESA\_17.0631);
- the regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products (ESA\_17.0633).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Vegetable crops (SVO) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 08h00 – 9h30.

g) ePhyto

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on ePhyto (ESA\_17.0629).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Potatoes (SPO) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 10h00 – 11h30.

## V. **Section specific issues**

This item of the agenda covers updates of specific issues of importance for the section for cereals and pulses

a) Report on topics discussed this year in SCP

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation on topics discussed this year in the section for cereals and pulses.

b) Farm saved seeds

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Samuel GASTE, ESA Working Group “Farm saved seeds” Chairman given under point IV.a of the present agenda.

c) EU Temporary experiment on heterogenous material

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by ESA Secretariat on an EU temporary experiment providing for certain derogations for the marketing of populations of the plant species wheat, barley, oats and maize.

d) SCP Factsheet

Participants will be reminded of the existing SCP Factsheet (ESA\_16.0117).

The ESA Crop Factsheets have been developed with help of many Members, who contributed by providing facts, figures and info on several aspects of each crop. The Factsheets are available on the on the ESA website, on the crop sections.

The factsheets (4-page format) contain information on key production figures, research and development of the most important relevant crops, environmental aspects as well as information on the ESA Members (both Direct and Association Members) active in those crops.

The ESA Secretariat collected feedback and comments on the first versions that were published and will update those factsheets in the coming months.

e) Priority topics to be addressed in the coming year

Participants will be reminded of the priority topics agreed for 2017.

|          | <b>2017</b>                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | Farm Saved Seed                              |
| <b>2</b> | Seed Treatment and Plant Protection Products |
| <b>3</b> | Variety Listing and DUS testing              |
| <b>4</b> | Developments in seed certification           |

In the spring meeting, the ESA Section for Cereals and pulses (SCP) has addressed those priorities.

Participants will be invited to renew and/or amend the priorities for the coming year.

## **VI. International organisations**

This item of the agenda covers updates of the outcomes of the latest meetings of international organisations of importance in the seed sector.

### **a) International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)**

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SCP section of the latest meetings of UPOV.

A presentation will be given by the Office of UPOV on the electronic Application Form during the meeting of the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

### **b) Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)**

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SCP section of the latest meetings of CPVO.

### **c) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Seed Schemes**

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SCP section of the latest meetings of OECD.

A presentation will be given by the Secretariat of OECD-Seed Schemes on label security issues during the meeting of the section for Fodder crops and Amenity grasses (SFG) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 16h30 – 18h30.

## **VII. Any other business**

Participants will be invited to share any information of interest.

## **VIII. Confirmation of next SCP meeting and Closure**



Participants will be invited to note that, on invitation of Syngenta and UFS, the next SCP meeting is scheduled to take place on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at UFS Office, Paris, France together with a visit of Syngenta's premises on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
The next ESA annual congress will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Madrid, Spain.