



Section Oil and Fibre crops - SOF

Annotated Agenda

9 October 2017

14h00 – 16h00

Riga, Latvia

Points of Agenda

I. Opening, welcome and approval of the agenda

Mr Dietmar BRAUER, SOF Chairman, will open the meeting and welcome the participants.

The agenda (ESA_17.0515) 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 SOF meeting 11.04.2017

The Chairman, with ESA Secretariat, will inform on the status of the minutes of SOF meeting (ESA_17.0511) held 11 April 2017. One 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.

SOF 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 Seed treatment

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Seed treatment (ESA_17.0627).

Participants will have the opportunity to have an insight on that topic thanks to presentations given during the meeting of the section for Oil and Fibre crops (SOF):

- **“Latest developments in seed treatments”** by Amalia KAFKA, ESA Manager ESTA.
- **“Priorities on Seed Treatments; Challenges and the way to go forward”** by Klaus SCHLUENDER, Chair ESA Board Working Group Seed Treatment and Technology (STAT) and Andrea MERTENS, Market Acceptance Manager Seeds EU, Bayer Crop Science.

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) 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 interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Cereals and Pulses (SCP) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 8h30 – 10h30.

d) 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.

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 oil and fibre crops.

a) Report on topics discussed this year in SOF

- EU Biofuel Policy (Renewable Energy Directive)
- Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in 2020

Participants will be invited to take note of the EU Biofuel policy (renewable Energy Directive) and the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in 2020 by Dieter RÜCKER, German Plant Breeders' Association.

b) Market Overview

i. Oilseed Rape

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Yves DEVISME, NPZ on the European market overview for oilseed rape.

ii. Sunflower

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Gilles GREE, Syngenta on the European market overview for sunflower.

iii. Cotton

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Charles GRANGE, Bayer on the European market overview for cotton.

iv. Soybean

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Didier SAUVAIRE, Euralis on the European market overview for soybean.

c) SOF Factsheet

Participants will be reminded of the existing SOF Factsheet (ESA_16.0119).

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.

d) Priority topics to be addressed in the coming year

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

	2017
1	Adventitious Presence of GM seed in seed lots of conventional seeds.
2	EU Biofuel policy including indirect land use change (ILUC)
3	Seed Treatment

4	Technical aspects in VCU
5	Certification requirements in different crops

In the spring meeting, the ESA Section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) 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 SOF section of the latest meetings of UPOV.

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation by Ben RIVOIRE, UPOV on the electronic Application Form.

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 SOF 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 SOF 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 SOF meeting and Closure

Participants will be invited to note that, on invitation of NPZ, the next SOF meeting is scheduled to take place on April 17th and 18th, 2018 at NPZ premises, Holtsee, Germany. The next ESA annual congress will be held on October 8th – 9th, 2018 in Madrid, Spain.