

**Standing Committee on Seed Technology**

**Summary Record of the Meeting on 20 February 2017**

- a. SC Chair Mr. Johan Asbrouk attended the meeting held in APSA office. Co Chair Dr. T.C. Yang joined the meeting from Taiwan. The other attendees included Ms. Heidi Gallant (ED, APSA), Mr. Steven Layne (Communications Officer, APSA) and Dr. Narendra Dadlani (Director Technical Affairs & SC Secretary). The following action points emerged from the meeting:
- i. Meetings of the SC will be convened every two months. The next meeting of the SC were decided to be convened on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> September, besides the last meeting during Asian Seed Congress (November). The meeting dates will be posted on the APSA website. The minutes from SC meetings will also be posted on the website and shared with other SCs / SIGs.
  - ii. Viability App: SC Chair Mr. Johan informed that the Viability App covering a range of crops (cereals, vegetables, oilseed) was ready for sharing with member companies who participated in the SC meeting at ASC 16 (Incheon, Korea). Dr. Dadlani will compile the contact details of the companies who may be provided the App for testing by next meeting (20<sup>th</sup> April).
  - iii. It was proposed to organize 'Webinars' on specific topics related to seed technology aimed at capacity building of the members. A total of three 'Webinars (of 30 mts. duration) may be organized during the year. It was suggested that these 'Webinars' may be recorded and posted on APSA website for the benefit of members who are not able to join. SC Chair Mr. Johan agreed to conduct the first 'Webinar' on '*Shelf Life of Seeds*' on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1 pm ICT. Secretariat to initiate action for its publicity among members for registration. The other topics suggested for the webinars included seed priming, seed storage and seed treatments. Speakers and schedule for these will be decided at the next SC meeting.
  - iv. For presentations during Asian seed Congress 2017, the SC considered the names of Prof. Kent Bradford (UC Davis) and Mr. Ali Bauzari (California, USA). The subjects for discussions will be related to seed storage and Seeds & Kitchen, respectively.

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