

Special Interest Group for Cover Crops
Summary Notes & Action Points from Meeting on 16 February 2017

A Meeting of the APSA Special Interest Group for Cover Crops (SIG – CC) was organized on 16 February 2017. Mr. Bhupen Dubey (SIG Chair), Mr. Muhammad Asim Butt (SIG Co-Chair), Ms. Heidi Gallant (ED, APSA) and Dr. Narendra Dadlani (Director Technical Affairs & SIG Secretary) joined the meeting. Following is the summary of the discussions and the action points that emerged:

- a. Meetings of the SIG will be convened every two months. The next meetings of the SIG were decided to be convened in May (4th), July (6th) and September (7th), besides the last meeting during Asian Seed Congress (November). Co – Chair will confirm these dates to the Secretariat at the earliest. The meeting dates will then be posted on the APSA website. The minutes from SIG meetings will also be posted on the website and shared with other SCs / SIGs.
- b. It was agreed that after every meeting of the SIG, the Chair Mr. Bhupen will address a mail to all members with updates about the global situation and issues related to the cover crops and invite their participation in the activities of the group. All these mailers will be shared with the members through APSA Secretariat. Dr. Dadlani will share with the Chair the presentations on the subject made at ASC 14 (Macau) and ASC 15 (Goa) and other relevant information.
- c. The SIG considered the proposal for organizing a ‘Study Tour’ to Australia, jointly with SIG for Field Crops. The ‘Tour’ will be organized to coincide with the Australian Seed Congress and the main objective of the tour will be to see the production and processing of cover crops seeds and for holding B2B meetings for improving the trade. Further discussions on the proposal will be held during the proposed visit of Chair Mr. Bhupen to APSA office in mid March. Mr. Bhupen agreed to discuss the issue and take suggestions from APSA President Ms. Brenda during his visit to Australia in early March. We should strive to announce the ‘Tour’ to the members by end March.
- d. The SIG members agreed to think about the possible subjects for discussion / presentation during Asian Seed Congress 2017 and discuss it at the next meeting of the SIG.
