



28<sup>th</sup> ISTA Congress  
XV Congresso Brasileiro de Sementes














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# President's address

**28th ISTA congress  
Foz do Iguaçu 2008**



## ISTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2004 - 2007

<b>President</b>		Pieter Oosterveld	The Netherlands
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>		Katalin Ertsey	Hungary
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		José Manuel Chavez Bravo	Mexico
		John Hampton	New Zealand
		Steve Jones	United Kingdom
		Joël Léchappé	France
		Susan Maxon	United States
		Grethe Tarp	Denmark
		Rita Zecchnelli	Italy



## **Projects, realised**

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**Draft ISTA strategy 2007 - 2010**

**Seed Analyst training programme**

**Generic ISTA method validation  
programme**

**Discussion on certificates (ch 17)**

**Draft rules of order for ISTA meetings**



## **Projects, realised (continued)**

**Revision of ISTA accreditation programme (accreditation standard, scope of accreditation and layout of the certificate)**

**Lot size experiment herbage seed crops**

**Structure of ISTA congresses and annual meetings**



## **ECOM decisions (continued)**

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**Installation committee advanced technology**

**Installation Method Validation Advisory Group**

**Installation of a Seed Analyst Training Committee**

**Continuation with a GMO task force**



## **ECOM decisions (continued)**

**No ISTA logo on seed bags, but permission printing ISTA logo on working cards in an ISTA member laboratory only**

**Participation in the organising committee of the First World Conference on GMO analyses**

**New structure ISTA congresses and ISTA annual meetings**



## Congress structure, starting in 2010

<b>Symposium:</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Technical committee meetings</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Business units</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Ordinary meeting</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Overall time</b>	<b>(7)</b>

*The cycle should remain at 3 years Two different registration fees*



## Future structure annual meetings

<b>TCOM presentations</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Optional programme</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Ordinary meeting</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Overall time</b>	<b>(4)</b>

*Only one registration fee*



## Ongoing projects

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**Amalgamation of the rules**

**Copyright strategy**

**Harmonisation with AOSA rules**

**Tropical seeds**



## **ISTA's activities on tropical seeds**

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**Funding**

**Developing testing methods for new tropical species**

**Tropical seeds increasingly 'in the picture'**



## **ECOM – TCOM chairs**

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**Better communication**

**Set of strategic priorities (for further discussion)**

**Draft guidelines for (new) chairs**



## **International relations and co-operation**

**Realisation of MOU with FAO**

**Increasing co-operation with FAO  
(workshops)**

**Enhancement of relation and co-  
operation with international  
organisations**



## **Secretariat**

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**Very professional**

**With modern technology more efficiency**

**Many more tasks to be done**

**More support to more activities of TCOM's,  
etc.**

**Annual meetings, congresses**

**Role of the secretariat is crucial!!**



## **ISTA finances**

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**Sound position**

**Problems in financing new activities**

**Policy to be developed for additional resources,  
f.e.**

- more new members**
- advertisements**
- project financing**



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**Thank you for your attention**

