

PTC – Proficiency Test Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST			
		Country	Active since
1	Didier Demilly (chair)	France	2001
2	Claudia Falch (vice chair)	South Africa	2023
3	Gillian Musgrove	United Kingdom	2011
4	Sergio Pasquini	Italy	2014
5	Sarah Dammen	United States	2017
6	Irena Gera	Poland	2019
7	Monika Holubicová	Slovakia	2019
8	Leanne Duncan	Canada	2021
9	Elena Perri	Italy	2022
10	Mihaela Gheroghe	Romania	2023
11	Adrienn Abos	Hungary	2023
12	Saruttaya Lapuk	Thailand	2025
13	Carey Matthiessen	Canada	2025
14	Elena Takacova	Slovakia	2025
	Branislava Opra (Observer, Switzerland, 2007)		

The PT Committee defines the PT Programme Plan. It consists of PT Leaders, i.e. individuals from ISTA accredited laboratories who volunteer to procure seed material and prepare samples. The committee also provides advice to other TCOMs. With the standard PT coordinator from ISTA secretariat, the PT Committee coordinates and administers all standard PT activities (exception for the GMO, Seed Health and Variety PT activities).

ISTA Proficiency Test Programme Plan 2025-2028

Round	Species	Test	Crop group number	Crop group name	Test leader
25-2	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	P, OSD, TZ	2	Cereals	Elena Perri
25-3	<i>Chenopodium quinoa</i>	G	5 and 6	Other Agricultural Crops & Vegetables	Didier Demilli
25-3	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	G, TZ	7	Forest and shrub	Sergio Pasquini
26-1	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	P, OSD, OIC	5 and 8	Other Agricultural Species & Flowers	Sarah Dammen
26-2	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	P, OSD, G, M, TSW	2	Cereals	Monika Holubicova
26-3	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	P, OSD, G, TZ	1	Grasses	Mihaela Gheroghe
27-1	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	G, M, V (conductivity)	4	Pulses	Gillian Musgrove
27-1	<i>Salvia sp.</i>	G	8 and 6	Flowers & Vegetables	Elena Perri
27-2	<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i>	P, OSD, G, TZ	3	Small Legumes	Irena Gera
27-3	<i>Glycine max</i>	G, M, V (radicle emergence), OIC	4	Pulses	Didier Demilli

27-3	<i>Helinathus annuus</i>	G, TZ	5 and 8	Other Agricultural Species & Flowers	Leanne Duncan
28-1	<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	P, OSD, G	6	Vegetables	Saruttaya Lapuk
28-1	<i>Moringa sp.*</i>	G, TZ	7	Forest and Shrub	Sergio Pasquini
28-2	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	P, OSD, G, M, TSW, OIC	3	Small Legumes	Claudia Falch
28-3	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	P, OSD, G, TZ	1	Grasses	Carey Matthiessen
28-3	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	G, M	2	Cereals	Adrienn Abos

P Purity
 G Germination
 OSD Other Seed Determination
 M Moisture
 TZ Tetrazolium
 TSW Thousand Seed Weight
 V Vigour test
 OIC Reporting on an Orange International Seed Lot Certificate

* *Moringa sp.* is not yet in the ISTA Rules; if accepted it will be included in the PT Programme Plan

Samples distribution time:

Rounds per year	1 st round of each year	2 nd round of each year	3 rd round of each year
Expected shipment to participants	1 April	1 August	1 December
Results reporting deadline	1 July	1 November	1 March