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Article Change Proposal 2021

This document was prepared by the Executive Committee of ISTA and Secretariat of the Association and endorsed by the ISTA Executive Committee to be submitted to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2021 for acceptance by the nominated ISTA Designated Members voting on behalf of their respective Government.

It is submitted to all ISTA Designated Authorities, ISTA Members and ISTA Observer Organisations for information two months prior to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2021.

It will be discussed and voted on at the Ordinary General Meeting 2021, to be held virtually on Thursday, June 03, 2021.

According to The Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), Article 12 Voting, a motion to alter the Articles requires for adoption a two-thirds majority of the Designated Members voting at a meeting of the Association, provided a quorum is present.

Article Change Proposal 2021

Proposal for changes to The Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) (current version adopted by the Ordinary Meeting on July 2 2019, hereinafter referred to as “The Articles of ISTA”)

The following proposal to change The Articles of ISTA is being circulated for consideration two months prior to the proposal being voted on by the nominated ISTA Designated Members, on behalf of their respective Governments, at the Ordinary General Meeting of ISTA on June 03, 2021.

The Executive Committee of ISTA has made this proposal, unanimously supports it and would like the membership to vote in acceptance of it at the Ordinary General Meeting in June 2021.

The Executive Committee would welcome comments or suggestions on this proposal prior to, or during, the Ordinary General Meeting of ISTA.

Article Change Proposal OGM21-07: To amend the process for filling vacancies on the ISTA Executive Committee.

Background

Article 13(c) of the ISTA Articles enables the outgoing President to accept the position of Immediate Past President. In the event of the outgoing President being unable to serve there will be a vacancy in the Executive Committee.

However the current Article does not account for the outgoing President being unable to serve as Immediate Past President which creates a vacancy in the Executive Committee.

This Article change will enable a ninth member-at-large to join the Executive Committee in the event of the outgoing President being unable to serve.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
Article 15 Executive Committee	Article 15 Executive Committee
(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President, together with eight members-at-large who shall be Designated Members. (b)...	(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President, together with eight members-at-large all of who shall be Designated Members. In the event of the Immediate Past President being unable to serve there shall be nine members-at-large all of whom shall be Designated Members. b)...