

# ISTA FLOWER SEED TESTING COMMITTEE (FSC)

## Activity Report 2018



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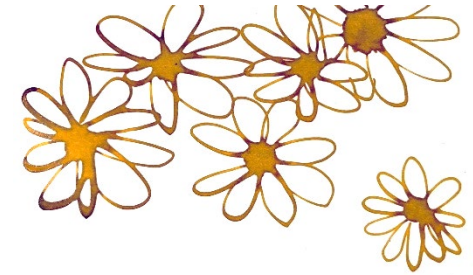


## FSC Members 2016/2019

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Rita Zecchinelli (Chair)        | Italy          |
| 2. Sharon K. Davidson (Vice-Chair) | USA            |
| 3. Rachael Davies                  | United Kingdom |
| 4. Meriam Dekalo Keren             | Israel         |
| 5. Alice Di Sacco                  | United Kingdom |
| 6. Sylvie Ducournau                | France         |
| 7. Kumiko Jinno                    | Japan          |
| 8. Jorge Juan Vicedo               | Spain          |
| 9. Stefanie Krämer                 | Germany        |
| 10. Maria Marin                    | Croatia        |
| 11. Lucele Pretorius               | South Africa   |
| 12. Zita Ripka                     | Hungary        |
| 13. Soo-Young KIM                  | South Korea    |



## Projects



- ***PUBLICATIONS:***  
new edition of the  
**ISTA HANDBOOK ON FLOWER SEED TESTING**  
(coming soon)
- ***VALIDATION STUDY:***  
addition of a germination method for  
*Eustoma exaltatum* (ongoing)



## Projects



- ***NEW SPECIES:***

inclusion in the ISTA Rules of *Salvia hispanica*  
(validation study organized by GER committee)

- ***COLLABORATIONS:***

PTC committee (organization and evaluation of PTs);  
PUR committee (“mixture” training exercise);  
BSC/GER/PUR/TEZ (validation studies, HB sheets)



## Other activities

### ▪ ***ANSWERING TO QUESTIONS:***

germination methods for succulents;

germination methods for *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*;

*Malva sylvestris*: moving from part 2 to part 3 of the ISTA tables;

*Antirrhinum majus* and *Portulaca grandiflora*:

harmonization ISTA/AOSA;

germination method for *Strelitzia reginae*.



## Discussions



- **CHALLENGES:**

only rarely the FSC receives proposals for collaboration or other requests;

flower seed testing is a matter difficult to deal with (huge number of species, a few experienced labs, small seed lots, often expensive...)

- **LEADERSHIP:** it is time to change!

the Chair and the Vice-Chair are in charge since 2010  
... but no candidates



## Discussions



- ***ROLE OF THE FSC:***

what role should the FSC play?

isn't there a risk that it overlaps with that of other committees? (BSC, GER, PUR, TEZ ... )

- ***STATUS OF THE FSC:*** should we continue as a committee? should we turn into a working group without a permanent role?







## Results of the discussions

The opinion of the FSC members is that it must continue acting as a ISTA TCOM.

Rita will continue as CHAIR for the next three years,  
SARAH DAMMEN will take on as VICE-CHAIR

***WELCOME SARAH!***



## → Results of the discussions



In the next three years, the FSC will re-think its own role and organization, looking for candidates able to

**REVITALISE THE WORK ON FLOWER SEED TESTING ...  
... SO BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING!!**



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12. Shizka Takeuchi

Japan



**Sharon, Kumiko, Jorge ... will leave the FSC ...**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK!!!**





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YOUR ATTENTION**

