

Annual Meeting 2019

Rules Committee Report

Ernest Allen-Chair

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Rules Committee Purpose

- ISTA's mission is to develop, adapt, publish, and promote standard procedures for international seed testing.
- ISTA relies on its TCOMs to provide expertise for information contained in the Rules chapters.
- The Rules TCOM is composed of representatives from all ISTA TCOMs and is responsible for updating and maintaining the ISTA Rules.



Membership

Chair: Ernest Allen (U.S.A)

Vice-Chair: Susan Alvarez (U.S.A.)

ECOM Liaison: Steve Jones (Canada)

Rules Committee Members:

1. Gerarda de Boer - Raatgever (Netherlands)
2. Didier Demilly (France)
3. Sylvie Ducournau (France)
4. Eddie Goldschagg (South Africa)
5. Fabio Gorian (Italy)
6. Valerie Grimault (France)
7. Fiona Hay (Denmark)
8. Stefanie Krämer (Germany)
9. Jean-Louis Laffont (France)
10. Attilio Lovato (Italy)
11. Enrico Noli (Italy)
12. Jette Nydam (Sweden)
13. Alison A. Powell (United Kingdom)
14. Hugh W. Pritchard (United Kingdom)
15. Bert van Duijn (Netherlands)
16. Ana Laura Vicario (Argentina)
17. John H. Wiersema (U.S.A)
18. Rita Zecchinelli (Italy)
19. Florina Palada (Observer)
20. Desirae Jones (SCST Rules Chair)
21. Randy Crowl (AOSA Rules Chair)



Rules TCOM Yearly Activities

Each Year:

- The ISTA Rules committee reviews annual proposals to ensure technical consistency between chapters.
- The ISTA Secretariat works closely with the Rules chair and vice-chair to collate the rules proposals for the rules proposal document.
- Together the Secretariat and Rules committee edit then distribute the finished proposal document for vote by the membership.



Rules TCOM Yearly Activities

June- November:

Work with Secretariat to edit approved rules proposals from OGM

November:

Work with TCOMs on proposals and validation report submissions

December- January:

Work with Secretariat and TCOMs to compile proposals and validation reports for publication of STI article and summary validation reports

February:

Submit rules draft document to ECOM for final review & approval



Rules TCOM Yearly Activities

March:

Final rules proposal document sent to Secretariat for publication

April- May:

Develop Rules TCOM activities presentation and poster for Annual Meeting

June:

Present rules proposals to the ISTA membership at OGM and work with Secretariat to finalize proposals approved at OGM.



Current Activities

- **Preparing the Rules for Vote at the OGM**
 - 24 proposals to be considered for the 2020 Rules
- **Ambiguous sections in the Rules**
 - ISTA Auditors
 - Membership
 - TCOM Chairs

} Secretariat (New Rules Observer)
- **Succession planning and process improvements**
 - Deadlines
 - Streamlining the editing process
 - Other ways to make the rules process more orderly



Important Dates to Remember

- **November 1st**- Proposal due to Rules Committee
- **November 31st**- Validation reports due from TCOMs for new rules proposals. **
- **April 6th**- Deadline for TCOM chairs to comment on rules proposals and validation studies.
- **Late April**- Rules proposals and validation studies sent to membership
- **January 1st**- Rules from previous the OGM available on the Ingenta Connect Web Site.



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