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# Article Change Proposals 2019

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 2019 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 2019.

It will be discussed and voted on at the Ordinary General Meeting 2019, to be held on Thursday, July 02, 2019 in Hyderabad, India, under Agenda point 8 *Consideration and adoption of the proposed changes to the ISTA Articles.*

**Proposal for changes to The Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) (current version adopted by the Ordinary General Meeting on June 14, 2018, hereinafter referred to as “The Articles of ISTA”)**

According to the Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) the following applies:

**Article 11 Meetings**

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(g) The Executive Committee approved minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting will be published on the ISTA website within two months of the Ordinary General Meeting. If there are no comments requiring amendment to the minutes within the subsequent two month period, the minutes will be considered approved. If there are comments and the comments are accepted by the Executive Committee, then the minutes including the comments will be considered approved and published on the ISTA web site.

(h) Any comments about the minutes of the previous General Meeting will be considered at the next Ordinary General Meeting under agenda Article 11 (e) (4).

**Justification for change:**

This proposed change is being suggested for practical reasons. The current deadline to prepare and post the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) is two months after the OGM. This is at a time when the ISTA Rules changes approved at the OGM for the next English and translated Editions of the ISTA Rules are being prepared for publication on the Ingenta website. Ideally the next edition of the ISTA Rules needs to be distributed by 1 December so the laboratories have them well before 1 January when they come into force.

Therefore the ISTA ECOM proposes to change the publication deadline for OGM minutes to a minimum of two months before the next OGM. This is also consistent with the other voting documents made available to the membership at the next OGM. Any comments on the Minutes can still be made and discussed at the next OGM.

The Article amendment required for this change is:

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