



**ISTA**  
Seed Quality Assurance



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## Press Release

### INTERNATIONAL SEED TESTING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING 2018 IN JAPAN

Uniformity in seed testing is the mission of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). Founded in 1924, with the aim to develop and publish standard procedures in the field of seed testing, ISTA is inextricably linked with the history of seed testing. With 225 member laboratories in over 70 countries/distinct economies worldwide, ISTA membership is truly a global network. In Asia ISTA counts 66 member laboratories and 14 personal or associate members, making Asia one of the key member areas of ISTA.

The ISTA membership consists of the:

Corporative membership: Member Laboratories and Industry Members

Individual membership: Personal and Associate Members

Member Laboratories may receive ISTA accreditation, which would allow them to issue their test results in a standardised and internationally accepted manner using ISTA International Certificates. These Certificates facilitate international trade and functions as a kind of Seed Quality Passport.

The ISTA Certificates are assuring that the test results are reproducible, true and represent the quality of the seed. ISTA International Certificates exist in two versions the so called Orange International Certificate and the Blue International Certificate.

An Orange International Certificate is issued when both sampling from a seed lot and testing of this sample are performed under the responsibility of ISTA accredited laboratories. The results reported on an Orange International Certificate refer strictly to the lot as a whole at the time of sampling.

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#### ABOUT ISTA

Founded in 1924, with the aim to develop and publish internationally agreed rules for seed sampling and testing, accredits laboratories, promotes research, provides international seed analysis certificates and training, and also disseminates knowledge in seed science and technology. ISTA members are over 85 countries/distinct economies worldwide and they work together to achieve their vision of 'Uniformity in seed quality evaluation worldwide'. This facilitates seed trading nationally and internationally, and also contributes to food security.





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A Blue International Certificate is issued when sampling from the lot is not under the responsibility of an accredited laboratory or if seed mixtures are tested.

Internationally ISTA engages with a number of organisations like being founding member of the World Seed Partnership ([www.worldseedpartnership.org](http://www.worldseedpartnership.org)) as well as operating via a Memorandum of Understanding with The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Therefore ISTA is proud to hold its Annual Meeting 2018, 11-14 June, 2018 in Sapporo, Japan and 32nd ISTA Congress, 26 June- 03 July 2019 in Hyderabad, India.

The program of the events includes the technical workshops, a scientific symposium discussing the latest results in applied seed science, a detailed insight into the work of the ISTA Technical Committees, including their achievements and future plans.

During the Congress 2019 takes place the Seed Symposium on a topic "Seed technology and quality in a changing world". The symposium will bring together seed analysts, technologists, researchers and managers from universities, research institutes, government and the seed trade to discuss all aspects of seed quality. The symposium will provide a forum for the discussion of recent advances in seed science and technology as well as an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and information.

Intending participants are invited to submit oral and poster papers under the above theme. Online abstracts submission is open from 01 May, 2018 on the ISTA website.

Interested parties may find more details under [www.seedtest.org](http://www.seedtest.org).

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