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ISTA SECRETARY GENERAL 2018 INSIGHTS

The International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) is “doing its best to provide farmers with high quality seeds”, according to our Secretary General Andreas Wais, who was interviewed by Shawn Brook at the ASTA CSS and Seed Expo in Chicago, Illinois in December 2017.

In his opening discussion Mr. Wais stated how his background could positively benefit the ISTA Secretary General position, despite the fact he came from other area in the agricultural sector. Additionally, he expressed that the most interesting thing he had learned so far in ISTA, is how over the years the sector learned to work and cooperate between each other as a community.

Mr. Wais pointed out that the key topics for ISTA are the international acceptance of the standardised rules, methods and certificates, which also includes the accreditation services. He also revealed that the top priority for ISTA in the coming year is to grow, but focused on the needs of the regions, laboratories and economies, through raising awareness by collaborating with other stakeholders.

Concluding the interview, Mr. Wais declared that the quality of seeds is important to be able to secure the food chain. By ISTA vision “Uniformity in Seed Testing Worldwide” our aim is to provide test results that can contribute to achieve it.

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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.

