



Seed Science Advisory Group

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SeedAlive evaluation: Report delivered; no feedback received

No subsequent requests for reviews or equipment evaluations

No requests for seed science advice

SSAG, Terms of Reference (defined December 2014)



Developed in collaboration with ECOM, care taken to avoid overlap with ATC

- .To provide a link between fundamental research and the use of that research to meet the needs of ISTA members.
 -in collaboration with any appropriate ISTA TCOMs, would identify appropriate ISTA laboratories to encourage their collaboration with the seed scientists and help develop the plans for a work programme, including the selection of appropriate seed material'. (E. g. Prediction of normal germination using radicle emergence)
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ATC

.To form a bridge between the world of research and development, and ISTA's other Technical Committees.

- .To collect and interpret data and opinions on 'advanced' technologies.
- .To provide information on advanced technologies to the ISTA community.
- .To chair or participate in research and tests of advanced technologies in cooperation with other Technical Committees and/or act as reviewers.**
- .To assist ISTA by formulating views of ongoing or future technological developments from a seed testing perspective

When the SSAG was established the role of the ATC and SSAG were clearly different, but they now overlap.

Clarification / redefinition is clearly needed!

A proposal has been put forward to the ECOM to deal with this situation, which we believe is to the benefit of both groups.



Thank you

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