

ASF Activities in 2015/16

In 2015/16 the ASF increased its focus on delivering benefits to members including:

- Membership and interaction with the International Seed Federation (ISF) and Asia Pacific Seed Association (APSA). The ASF has strong representation at the executive level with Donald Coles serving on the Board of ISF and Brenda Dossey as Vice President of APSA.
- Promotion of the Best Practice Guidelines for the Management of Adventitious Presence in Canola, Lucerne and in Seed
- Consultation, industry representation and submissions:
 - Biosecurity Import Conditions project
 - Emergency measures relating to seed imports
 - Lucerne Australia regarding AP management in Lucerne and seed coating
 - Examination of Import Risk Analysis Process
 - Proposals to streamline IP processes and support small business
 - Review of the Plant Breeder’s Rights Advisory Committee
- Engagement with ASA to deliver industry training and sustainable industry funding
- Consultation process with the State & Territory Governments
- Development of an Incident Management Plan
- Endorsing and publishing an ASF position on Biotechnology
- Introduced seed industry training courses for members and industry stakeholders
- Representation on the:
 - Grains Industry Market Access Forum (GIMAF)
 - Australian Crop Assessment System (ACAS NVT)
 - Meat and Livestock Australia Pasture Variety Testing Network (PVTN)
 - GRDC National Agribusiness Reference Group (NARG)
 - Plant Products Export Industry Consultative Committee (GPPEICC)
 - Post Entry Plant Industry Consultative Committee (PEPICC)
 - Agricultural Biotechnology Council of Australia (ABCA)
 - GM Grain and Seed Crops Industry Consultative Committee
- International market access representation on all commodities through GIMAF
- Increased communication and engagement with the Department of Agriculture
- Development of a strategic communication plan to up-skill agronomists and advisors about seed selection — “Know Before You Sow”
- Updating the Pasture Variety Database, and
- Development and implementation of the Pasture Trials Network (PTN) to continue pasture variety trialling initiated by the MLA funded PVTN