

Don't miss AGIC Asia 2018 – Bangkok - 20th March & Shanghai - 22nd March

- AGIC Asia will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 20th March 2018 and Shanghai, China on 22nd March 2018. The conference program will focus on market trends and developments in both the milling and feed sectors in the featured destination markets, together with a panel session of speakers from across the value chain. Support for the AGIC Asia events continues to grow each year. Many of the regular Australian attendees can attest to the great networking opportunities with local end-use consumers and several have executed export business from introductions and relationships established during AGIC Asia.
- Registrations are now open at the official AGIC site [here](#).

Chain of Responsibility (CoR) – Coming to Adelaide & Perth

- GTA will be conducting Chain of Responsibility (CoR) seminars in [Adelaide 8th March 2018](#) & [Perth 9th March 2018](#). All grains industry participants, including growers, advisors, logistics and trading staff are urged to attend. Refer to the [GTA website](#) for details.
- These seminars are part of GTAs ongoing work to raise awareness and understanding on the upcoming changes to CoR legislation, and what GTA members need to do to demonstrate compliance. Around 120 people have now attended seminars in Toowoomba, Dubbo, Wagga, Sydney, Melbourne and Bendigo.
- GTA has also actively engaged with production sector groups and state farming organisations to help raise awareness of the CoR changes right across the supply chain including growers. One of the key messages is around the “shared responsibility” that parties will have under the new CoR legislation.

GTA leading global trade forum on ePhyto's.



GTA lead the recent International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) delegation to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) 3rd ePhyto Symposium in Kuala Lumpur. Gerard McMullen, GTA Technical Consultant, gave a presentation to the global forum on behalf of IGTC, outlining the potential benefits of the ePhyto developments and, some practical issues in relation to the project.

Key to the IGTC position on e-Phyto's, is to emphasise the importance of the global grain trade's close working relationship with Governmental Plant Protection Organisations. This will ensure that the potential benefits of the e-Phyto certificates are realised for both members and stakeholders.

Four of the pilot countries (Argentina, Chile, Kenya and USA) that have signed up to the government-government initiative are currently sending and receiving 'test' certificates. The broader testing phase, which includes reporting back on findings, is likely to continue throughout 2019. The exchange of ePhytos will not go “live” until after then.

GTA will be engaging with IGTC, Australian Industry and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) on electronic trading documentation developments.

GTA Staff Update – Welcome Tim Ross

- We are pleased to welcome Tim Ross to the GTA staff as our new Projects Manager. Tim is well known to many in the industry from a long career with AWB and CBH focusing on supply chain projects and supply chain management. Tim is currently heavily involved in GTA's Code of Practice Review and working on Chain of Responsibility issues, including liaising with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. Tim will also be actively involved with the GTA Technical Committees. Tim can be contacted at tim.ross@graintrade.org.au.
Welcome Tim!!

Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC) Survey

- GTA members and readers of GrainMatters have the opportunity to provide input on priorities for the AEGIC programs for 2018 and beyond. AEGIC is seeking industry input to help shape their Expert Consultancy Investments. GTA believes industry and stakeholder engagement is important for industry groups such as AEGIC, to assist them to focus on issues of priority to industry.
- GTA would encourage members and readers of GrainMatters to click on the link below and complete the survey. Click to [access AEGIC Survey](#)

COP Review

- The Australian Grains Industry Code of Practice (COP) is currently undergoing review. The Code is an important part of the industry's Self-Regulatory Framework, supported by GTA products and services. The Code provides invaluable market confidence in the integrity of the Australian grain supply chain. Input from industry is, therefore, critical to ensure relevance and commitment from Industry to this important part of the Industry's Self-Regulatory Framework. The COP Industry Working Group (IWG) will be meeting in February 2018. The IWG includes GTA Members from production, logistics, storage, container and bulk export sectors of the value chain. GTA Members are welcome to provide input and submissions into the review process, by contacting GTA at submissions@graintrade.org.au.

GTA Submissions on behalf of Members

- GTA regularly makes submissions on behalf of its members on important grain industry issues. Submissions are made to both official and informal requests as well as directly to Government Departments, Agencies and Politician, depending on the circumstances. Recent examples include the Port Access Code Review, Office of Gene Technology Regulator, National Measurement Institute, DAWR Export Legislation Review, and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. The submissions may be on a confidential basis however, all. GTA's public submissions are published on the GTA website [here](#)