

International Governance Committee (IGC) for the International Symposium on Soil and Plant Analysis (ISSPA)

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Purpose of ISSPA Events

- To facilitate and promote the international sharing of knowledge and research in soil and plant analysis
- To provide a global focus for promoting excellence in soil and plant analysis
- To encourage and promote the adoption of preferred soil and plant analysis methods and the use of sound agronomic interpretation and uniform terminology based on sound and proven science
- To facilitate international communications relating to soil and plant analysis.

International Symposium on Soil and Plant Analysis (ISSPA) and its IGC

- Oversight for ISSPA events is now via an International Governance Committee (IGC)
- Since the inaugural ISSPA event in 1988, sixteen (16) symposia have been held, in ten countries, on five continents
 - o USA (8)
 - Sth Africa (1)
 - o Australia (2)
 - New Zealand (1)
 - o China (1)





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- ISSPA was first established in 1988 by the Soil and Plant Analysis Council (SPAC, Nth America)
- Subsequently, the following organisations and regional groups have become increasingly involved in ISSPA participation and governance matters
 - ASPAC (Australasian Soil and Plant Analysis Council)
 - AgriLASA (Sth Africa)
 - Netherlands
 - Germany
 - South America
 - China





International Governance Committee (IGC), 2023

- Arjan Reijneveld, PhD, Eurofins, Arnhem-Nijmegen, The Netherlands (IGC Chair)
- Kristen Hicks, PhD, Nth Carolina, USA
- · Rao Mylavarapu, PhD, University of Florida, USA
- Dailena Pienaar, Executive Director Wynland Laboratories, Johannesburg, Sth Africa
- Hans-Werner Olfs, PhD. University of Applied Sciences, Osnabrück, Germany
- Graham Lancaster, Environmental Analysis Lab (EAL) /Analytical Research Laboratory (ARL), Australia (ASPAC Chair)
- · Roger Hill, PhD. Hill Laboratories, Hamilton, New Zealand
- Rodrigo Ortega, PhD. Universidad Técnica Santa María/Agriservice, Chile
- Pending: GLOSOLAN appointee

Co-opted:

- Robert Miller, PhD. Agriculture Laboratory Proficiency Program, Colorado, USA
- Warren Webber, BA, DipAg, BVSc, ASPAC Executive Officer, New Zealand

GLOSOLAN participation in ISSPA 2023

GLOSOLAN participated in the 17th ISSPA Conference held in Concepción in Chile,

March 2023:

- One keynote presentation
- Four presentations in the technical sessions



Guidelines for the Management of the International Symposium on Soil and Plant Analysis (ISSPA) – Terms of Reference (TOR) –

Rationale for formal guidelines and robust international governance:

- minimise risk
- ensure the retention of event-specific knowledge
- expand the engagement of international registrants and associations

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There shall be **three** cooperating committees for each ISSPA event:

- International Governance Committee (IGC)
- Local Organizing Committee (LOC)
- Scientific and Technical Committee (STC)

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ISSPA Funding and Financials

Unless otherwise resolved by an IGC General Meeting:

- 1. There shall be no remuneration for participation in any ISSPA committee
- 2. The attendance of a committee member at any meeting shall be at the expense of that committee member (or their nominating entity, provided there is a prior written agreement from that entity)
- 3. The fiscal intent for each ISSPA event is for the LOC to manage the event such that a financial surplus is generated subsequent to the repayment of any seed-funding which may have been provided

Proposal

That:

GLOSOLAN to join IGC with one representative to be involved in the organization of future ISSPA events

(GLOSOLAN Steering Committee has already provided positive feedback)

GLOSOLAN will have the chance to highlight the capacities and needs of its members operating worldwide

