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Q&A Session on the new Plant Breeding Innovation Management Program

Earlier this month, the Global Stewardship Group staff hosted a live presentation and question and answer session on the new Plant Breeding Innovation Management Program. A link to the video is below. Please reach out to GSG staff if you have any questions that were not addressed during this session.

[View the PBI MP Q&A Session](#)

New GSG and PBI MP Websites

The Global Stewardship Group has launched a new website that links to all GSG programs, including Excellence Through Stewardship, the Plant Breeding Innovation Management Program, the forthcoming Best Stewardship Practices Academic Program, and our Global Stewardship Workshops. GSG.ag also contains information on the organization and links to resources. The PBI MP portion of the website can be accessed from the home page, or directly via PBImanagement.org.

The Excellence Through Stewardship website is unchanged and is for now still a separate website. It can be accessed directly or through the program link on the GSG site.

[Global Stewardship Group Website](#)

[PBI Management Program Web Page](#)

USDA Ag Outlook Summit



On February 15th, the Global Stewardship Group participated in the annual USDA Ag Outlook Summit, which included a session on **Cutting Edge Developments in Genetic Engineering of Crops and Livestock**. Abigail Walter, Senior Biological Scientist for USDA's APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services discussed USDA's risk evaluation process for GMO plants submitted for approval. Examples were given of plants deemed to be low risk and not subject to regulation, as well as the steps involved in addressing concerns about plants posing potential risks.

USDA has made the presentation slides publicly available, and they are accessible below.

[USDA Presentation - Evaluating Modified Plants](#)



GSG Presents to ASTA Conference

GSG CEO Chris Holdgreve presented during the ASTA Vegetable and Flower Seed Conference in Monterey, California last month. He gave an update on all GSG programs with a particular focus on the newly rolled out Plant Breeding Innovations Management Program. Holdgreve announced that the new program would be available for sign up in February. The program is a global management platform that empowers the development, utilization, deployment, and adoption of plant products created through advanced breeding techniques, such as genome editing in agriculture. Holdgreve detailed the key program objective to enhance transparency with the value chain and other stakeholders to support market acceptance of PBI plant products and facilitate the availability of the product benefits to growers and consumers. He noted that the program was designed for flexibility, which results in a program tailored to each participant's unique circumstances and product types and deployment paths.

GSG Participates in Trade & Biotechnology Meet-up

The National Grain and Feed Association hosted a meeting of industry leaders on issues related to trade and biotechnology this month. The meet-up included representatives from 20 associations representing most major commodities and other key groups in the commodity value chain. GSG CEO Chris Holdgreve gave an update on key program

activities including the newly available Plant Breeding Innovations Management Program.



Register for BIO's Ag & Environment Summit

The Biotechnology Innovation Organization will host the Agriculture & Environment Summit on April 17th & 18th in Washington, DC. April 17th will consist of an evening reception, followed by a full day of panels and speakers on the 18th.

Confirmed speakers include a regulatory panel with Madison Le, EPA, Dr. Kristi Muldoon-Jacobs, FDA and Bernadette Juarez, USDA, with additional featured speakers, U.S. Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC), U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE) and BIO CEO John Crowley.

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