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Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date for the Iowa Seed Association Annual Meeting & Convention!

When: November 18-19, 2008

Where: Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center—Ames, Iowa

To make your room reservations call 515.268.8808

Registration Information will be in your mailbox soon!

106th Annual Convention

Plans are being completed for the 106th Annual Convention of the Iowa Seed Association. This year's convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center in Ames, Iowa. The dates for this important event are November 18-19, 2008. To make your room reservations call the Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center at 515-268-8808.

An outstanding line-up of speakers and presenters is planned for this year's convention, along with a special presentation at the ISU Seed Science Center. The Iowa Seed Association will be running a shuttle bus to the ISU Campus for an open house at the new Seed Science center. During the open house there will be a presentation of the George Washington Carver statue. The Seed Science Center's statue of George Washington Carver is the only life-size statue of this seed industry pioneer in the nation! Additional information about the 106th Annual Convention, the Seed Science Center's open house and registration materials for the meeting will be in your mailbox soon.

In the past, the social activities, as well as the speakers' expenses, have been financed in part by voluntary contributions from members and friends of the Association. The social activities scheduled this year include; **the President's Reception scheduled for Tuesday evening, and the President's Breakfast on Wednesday.**

We are thankful for your past support and would greatly appreciate any help you can provide us this year. All contributions of \$150 or more, **received by October 31, 2008**, will be listed in this year's convention program and on the ISA website (www.iowaseed.org). If you would like to assist with this project, please fill out the attached form and return it to the ISA office as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact the Iowa Seed Association office at 515.262.8323 or toll free at 800.383.1682.

Environmental Protection Commission Members

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) takes direction from the Governor and the Environmental Protection Commission (among other commissions) for their agenda and authority to take actions related to Iowa's environment. Because of the many issues that are presented to the EPC that are related to agriculture it is time to take a look at the governor-appointed members that are working to protect our environment.

By law, EPC members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for four-year terms. The panel must have: 3 members that are actively engaged in livestock and grain farming, 1 member actively engaged in the business of finance or commerce, and 1 member actively engaged in the management of a manufacturing company. Iowa Code also requires 4 members be electors of the state, a political balance of no more than 5 representatives of one party, and a gender balance that allows for no more than 5 members of one gender.

Currently the make up of the EPC is as follows:

| Name | Position | Party | Gender | Occup. | Term ends |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Martin Stimpson | Manufacturing | Rep. | Male | Engineer | 4/30/09 |
| *Ralph Klemme | Farmer | Rep. | Male | Farmer | 4/30/11 Resigned 9-3-08 |
| Paul Johnson | Farmer | Dem. | Male | Farmer | 4/30/11 |
| Susan Heathcote | Elector | Dem. | Female | Consultant | 4/30/11 |
| Charlotte Hubbell | Elector | Dem. | Female | | 4/30/11 |
| David Petty | Farmer | Rep. | Male | Farmer | 4/30/09 |
| Suzanne Morrow | Elector | Dem. | Female | Health Care | 4/30/09 |
| Henry Marquard | Comm/Fin. | Dem. | Male | Atty | 4/30/09 |
| Shearon Elderkin | Elector | Rep. | Female | | 4/30/09 |

In 2007 Governor Chet Culver appointed four new members for the nine-member Environmental Protection Commission, a panel that helps set state environmental policy. In appointing the new members Governor Culver said in a statement, "I promised Iowans that as governor I will work hard to improve water quality and protect the land, lakes, rivers, and streams we all love, that is my mission, and that is the mission of these new appointees to the EPC." In the end, the fourth person appointed, former Iowa Agriculture Secretary Dale Cochran was not confirmed by the senate. The Governor later appointed Martin Stimpson in the summer of 2008, to fill one of the positions, and then on August 12, 2008 appointed Shearon Elderkin to complete the panel.

Update: ISA recently learned that Ralph Klemme has submitted his resignation to the Governor citing frustration over recent EPC actions. There is no word when that seat will be filled.

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Congratulations to Bill Latham for Receiving an Honorary Lifetime Member Award from the American Seed Trade Association!

Iowa Seed Association member Bill Latham of Latham Seeds, Inc. was awarded with the Honorary Lifetime Member Award from the American Seed Trade Association during the Association's annual convention in June. This award dates back to 1907.

In describing Bill's career and achievements ASTA said, "Bill Latham's career spans decades, and he is noted for contributions as an alum, former president of ASTA and tireless committee and division participant. More specifically, leadership and elected positions include ASTA's soybean division, a state seed association and a state crop improvement association. He has also devoted years of service to the American Seed Research Foundation and is responsible for creating and running the Operation Student Connection, currently in its eighth year."

No Charge Pesticide Program—*New in 2008!*

ISA met with Container Services Network (CSN) to begin revitalization of the container recycling program in Iowa. As a result of that meeting, in conjunction with AAI, the Iowa Department of Ag, Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University, a new pesticide container recycling program was initiated. The program includes recycling of all plastic crop protection containers up to 55 gallon drums **at no charge**. The Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC at www.acrecycle.org) is the national organization that coordinates the pesticide container recycling program. TRI-rinse, the firm which previously operated the collections throughout Iowa, has been replaced by Container Services Network LLC (CSN, www.ContainerServicesNetwork.com). ACRC awarded the three year contract which began in 2008 to CSN. CSN will be coordinating Iowa's container recycling program. **For more information and to view a recycling flyer go to the Iowa Seed Association website, www.iowaseed.org.**

Container Services Network will provide you with large tote bags that hold 50-60 pounds. Pesticide containers over 5 gallons do not need to be cut-up but they must be triple rinsed with labels removed per ACRC specifications and placed into the large tote bag. Containers will not be chipped at your location. **To schedule a pickup or to request bags contact Gary Glickman or Laura McKibbon with CSN at 866-225-6629.**

ASTA Launches Guide to Seed Quality Management Practices

The U.S. seed industry, through ASTA, has developed the Guide to Seed Quality Management Practices to offer general guidance for the development and production of seed products intended for food, feed, fiber or fuel use and for the maintenance of product integrity and purity of both biotechnology-derived seed and non-biotechnology seed. The Guide covers the plant product life cycle from the point of incorporation of a trait into a breeding program through commercial seed production and sale. The Guide to Seed Quality Management will be maintained in a dynamic and interactive format on the ASTA Web site and can be found directly through www.amseed.org/seedquality.

The U.S. seed industry is committed to bringing quality seed to farmers around the world. The Guide is intended to serve as a reference document for companies developing individual quality management practices and operating procedures. Organized to accommodate different seed business models and practices, the Guide allows an organization to utilize the guidance for the respective areas in the seed product life cycle where they perform. A standard set of information following general quality management principles is presented for each stage of the plant product life cycle incorporated within the Guide. Quality management systems provide structure and rigor to business practices. Quality control and seed purity are essential to product development and commercial life cycle and include practices such as tracking mechanisms, effective record keeping, protocols for product testing and appropriate isolation during product development.

With high quality seed, farmers have more choices and the selection of seed is the single most important factor they can control in their operations. There is no substitute for quality seed. Today's seed offers improved genetics, with more solutions for farmers contained within the seed, providing increased yields, better quality crops and a higher return on a farmer's investment. "ASTA is pleased to have developed a tool for organizations to use in order to provide guidance on applying quality management systems to seed industry practices," said ASTA President and CEO Andy LaVigne. "As a first step, we hope that our members find this guidance valuable as they develop their own practices and procedures. Beyond that, the Guide can serve as a foundation for further guidance that may be specific to certain segments of the seed industry or even for our partner seed organizations around the world."

Dr. Wayne Guerke, a consultant in the seed industry who has held positions with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and worked closely with national seed testing organizations, was one of the first to see the Guide. He remarked, "The ASTA Seed Quality Management Guide is a most significant and invaluable contribution to the broader seed industry...or managing quality from the breeder to the grower, conditioner and dealer as well as the testing laboratory. The Guide will serve as an instrument to elevate the diverse elements of seed production and marketing...for maintaining high quality seed."

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- ◆ Iowa Seed Association Convention & Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Ames, IA - November 18-19, 2008
- ◆ ASTA Conferences, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL - December 9-12, 2008
 - 63rd Corn & Sorghum Seed Research Conference,
 - 38th Soybean Seed Research Conferences
 - Seed Expo
- ◆ ICM Conference / AAI EXPO, Hilton Coliseum, Ames, IA - December 10-11, 2008
- ◆ 83rd Iowa General Assembly begins the 2009 Legislative Session - January 12, 2009
- ◆ Independent Professional Seed Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN - January 20-22, 2009
- ◆ Iowa State University's Seed Science Center is holding many workshops throughout 2008. Including Conditioning Workshops on: color sorting, commercial seed corn, seed treatment, soybean & small grain seed, commercial popcorn conditioning, gravity separation, research seed corn. Quality workshops including: purity testing, germination testing, and seed corn/soybean quality, will also be held. For more information on these workshops and registration forms please go to:
<http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/seedscience/register.html>.