

Feedback from Members regarding Workshop 2026

Reflect on learning and identify follow-up topics for future workshops

The workshop being ended, Ben Tax invited members to give feedback about the learnings and suggest any additional topics they would like to see addressed in future discussions. While several suggestions have already been received, members were encouraged to raise any further topics of interest. He emphasized the Board's commitment to providing accurate information and well-considered responses. He reiterated that the Board is there to serve the membership and welcomes input and feedback from all members.

The questions concerned:

- **One insight:** something you learned
- **One concern:** something that remains unclear
- **One learning opportunity:** a topic we could explore in future workshops

The following is a compilation of answers provided during the meeting and in the online satisfaction survey.

Learning feedback

Participants indicated that the workshop provided a valuable overview and refresher of the ILP's purpose, history, governance and internal regulations. The sessions helped clarify how the ILP operates in practice, including licensing mechanisms, third-party patent licensing, the Standard License Agreement (SLA), arbitration procedures and intellectual property valuation.

The regulatory updates, particularly on New Genomic Techniques (NGTs) and GMO legislation, were considered highly informative and relevant. The royalty modelling exercise from EY also provided practical commercial insights, while discussions on valuation methods prompted useful reflections on current business practices.

In addition to the technical content, participants appreciated the opportunity to exchange experiences, ask questions and strengthen relationships with fellow members. Overall, the workshop increased participants' understanding of both the legal and commercial framework of the ILP and reinforced the benefits of collaborative trait licensing to support innovation for the benefit of breeders, growers and consumers.

Questions asked

Overall, participants indicated that the workshop addressed most of their questions. The remaining points primarily related to specific aspects of ILP governance, implementation and intellectual property.



Topics identified for further clarification included the rationale for not updating the Standard License Agreement (SLA), the implementation of the EU New Genomic Techniques (NGT) regulation, markers, patent valuation methodologies, and the handling of multiple licensed traits within a single variety. Participants also requested greater clarity on the information provided to the Expert Committee during arbitration and decision-making, the criteria for patentability, the application of royalties based on net sales (including the treatment of seed processing costs), and the governance process for Board renewal and amendments to ILP rules and agreements. The suggestion was also made to check out similar arbitration cases at other industries.

Future topics

Participants expressed a preference for making future workshops more interactive by complementing presentations with practical exercises, case studies and discussion sessions. In particular, there was strong interest in mock arbitration exercises to provide hands-on experience with arbitration procedures and patent valuation methodologies.

The integration of New Genomic Techniques (NGTs) into the ILP framework emerged as a key priority. Participants requested further guidance on the treatment of NGT traits, potential amendments to the Standard License Agreement (SLA) and ILP rules, broadening the scope of ILP to become a full patent licensing platform and the implications of the evolving EU regulatory framework.

Additional topics suggested for future workshops included patentability, the scope of patents (including markers), the management of multiple patented traits within a single variety, business models for NGTs, the practical valuation and value proposition of traits, and case studies illustrating real-life disputes and licensing scenarios.

Further remarks

- Appreciation for the organization of the workshops
- Organization of round table discussions or smaller interactive workshops
- The request to organize online General Meetings as it is time consuming to travel just for a short meeting.
- Uncertainty about how the board will process all the valuable input given. Advice to update members on follow-up and lessons learnt during the workshop.