



## **Minutes Expert Committee Meeting International Licensing Platform Vegetable**

Date: Thursday 2 July 2026  
Location: Duin & Kruidberg Estate, Santpoort-Noord, NL  
Chairman: Jeroen Kamphuis  
Minutes: Jakovina van Haeringen  
Present: Gerard Backx, Richard Cahoon, Christoph Herrlinger, Ferdinand Schmitz, Tony Tangena, Jeroen Kamphuis, Chris van Winden, Jakovina van Haeringen

### **1. Opening**

As Chairman of the Expert Committee, Jeroen Kamphuis opened the meeting and welcomed all members of the ILP Vegetable Expert Committee. A special welcome was extended to the new expert Tony Tangena. He had already introduced himself during the GM and Experts Workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July but stated that in the short time of his attendance he had already learned a lot about plant patents.

### **2. Competition Law Statement**

All Expert Committee Members complied with ILP Vegetable's Competition Law Statement.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda and announcements**

There were no additions to the agenda which was then approved by all committee members. The experts took a moment to reminisce Julian Kinderlerer, who would be greatly missed. Suggestions for new candidates could be communicated to Jeroen.

### **4. Minutes of the meeting of 11 June 2025**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June 2025 were reviewed page by page and approved as a true record of the proceedings. All actions have been completed.

Re the evaluation of seed treatment costs (point 5): not all the experts had been involved in or were familiar with the process of reviewing this document. Jan Stael and Gerard Backx had been assigned as a representative of the Expert Committee. As it is announced as being a decision/review of the full Expert Committee, all committee members should be engaged in its development. Jeroen agreed and would involve all experts in review of the list of Seed Treatment Costs in 2030. **ACTION 1.**

A Board working group is currently investigating whether markers can be included in ILP's scope. Although they had an online meeting last week, they will convene live as it is more efficient to hold a fruitful discussion. Experts would be kept posted on the developments. **ACTION 2.**

### **5. Evaluation of workshop + suggestions for the future**

Although the presentations and Q&A were informative and made everything more transparent, questions did remain on how to build an arbitration case, where to find the correct information on market size and value and provide a decision based on knowledge in the vegetable sector, as the



latter is not an expertise of all experts. Some experts said that it would be helpful to employ an independent expert who has worked in the vegetable (seed) industry. It would also be helpful to have a guideline for members and experts, on how to properly prepare, reason and build a case, to avoid surprises.

Jeroen explained that an ILP document on how to build an arbitration case would indeed have covered their questions, but the legal experts advised against this, in view of competition rules. Instead ChatGPT or the internet could be consulted for fact finding. He also suggested to invite someone from the Arbitration Institute, to explain how they deal with all kinds of arbitration and present the framework of their system. A visit to them could also be an option. Christoph Herrlinger argued that they could have different rules than ILP which would need to be taken into account.

According to Tony Tangena another source of information could be KPMG which reports on cash flows/royalties in various industries and could serve as background information too.

All presentations of the workshops would be shared with the experts. **ACTION 3.**

Further discussing ways of increasing knowledge, two experts agreed to share the following presentations with the other experts: **ACTION 4**

- **Dick Cahoon:** Designing an IP/Bioproperty License as a Value-capture/Risk-sharing System (see annex)
- **Tony Tangena:** Presentation on licensing, contract do's and don'ts. What is the basis of remuneration. (He could also present this at the next meeting of the Experts.)

Jeroen would send information about previous mock arbitration cases to Tony Tangena. **ACTION 5.**

## 6. Developments in the association

### New members

Axia Vegetable Seeds and Harmoniz recently joined ILP and introduced themselves during the GM.

### Pending member applications

The [Rootstock](#) Company is anxious to becoming a member.

## 7. Evaluation criteria for members of the Expert Committee

### Memo approved by Board

The Experts had received a memo by the Board indicating that experts would be up for an evaluation meeting in the final year of their 3-year term in order to discuss their re-appointment by the GM. In accordance with article 19.2 of the articles of association, the board of ILP may make a recommendation to the General Meeting for the (re)appointment of an expert. To properly justify and document any potential reappointment to the members the Board deemed it advisable to hold an evaluation meeting with a member during the final year of its 3-year term. For this the memo was prepared. The contents of the memo and listed elements of the evaluation however raised some questions from the experts. Jeroen explained that the evaluation is a means of



reflection and exchange of findings between the expert and the Chairman of the Board regarding the role and functioning as expert and the availability for a new term.

#### Scheme of resignation

Ferdinand Schmitz and Christoph Herrlinger are up for re-appointment by the end of this year. There is one vacancy for which candidates, closer to plant science, may surface soon.

### **8. Miscellaneous**

#### Next meeting

A date was not yet selected but it should not coincide with the ISF World Seed Congress (17-19 May in Toronto). An excursion to new ILP members in the Netherlands would be appreciated.

#### Remuneration

An amount of **EUR 7,000** (excluding VAT and travel expenses) was agreed upon.

The breakdown is as follows:

**Hourly rate:** EUR 408 per hour

**Time spent:** Just over 1 hour's preparation, followed by 2 days of 8 hours each spent attending: the General Meeting, workshops and the Meeting of the Expert Committee.

### **9. Closing of the meeting**

Jeroen thanked all present for their attendance and input and closed the meeting.

### **List of actions**

| Number | Action                                                            | Who        |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1.     | Involve all experts in review of the list of Seed Treatment Costs | Jeroen/All |
| 2.     | Inform experts on inclusion markers in ILP's scope                | Jeroen     |
| 3.     | Share presentations workshop                                      | Jakovina   |
| 4.     | Send presentations to ILP secretariat                             | Dick/Tony  |
| 5.     | Send info on previous mock baseball arbitration cases to Tony     | Jeroen     |