



Minutes General Meeting International Licensing Platform Vegetable

Date : Wednesday 1 July 2026
Location : Duin & Kruidberg Estate, Santpoort-Noord, NL
Chairman : Ben Tax
Minutes : Jakovina van Haeringen (Office Manager ILP Vegetable)
Present: Sjaak van der Ploeg & Samir Boufadiss (Axia Vegetable Seeds); Peter Ogg (BASF | Nunhems), Bert Schrijver & Gary Strunks & Mika Jacek (Bejo Zaden B.V.), Ard Groot (East-West International B.V.), Jan Kevelam & Aniek Verhaar & Nathan Geschiere & Melissa Nightingale (Enza Zaden Beheer B.V.), Jacques Gautier (Gautier Semences), Yair Hadar & Raymond Hedges (Harmoniz Ltd.), Jakovina van Haeringen & Jeroen Kamphuis & Chris van Winden (ILP Vegetable), Richard Cahoon & Ton Tangena & Christoph Herrlinger & Ferdinand Schmitz & Gerard Backx (ILP Expert Committee), Sumit Luthra & Bart Postmus (Keygene N.V.), Sonja Woitsch & Rik Brugman & Anton Kryvenkyi (KWS Saat SE & Co. KGaA), Vassilis Aivazis & Yao Luo (Lark Seeds International), Magali Pla & Lise Lucchesi & Thierry Jaunet (Limagrain), Andrea Maraldi & Alessandro Belardinelli (Maraldi Sementi), Ben Tax & Marian Suelmann & Thea van der Wijk & Kevin van den Hof (Rijk Zwaan Zaadteelt en Zaadhandel B.V.), Basile de Bary & Keisuke Kondo (Sakata Vegetables Europe), Meritxell Puigpinós & Jordi Quilis (Semillas Fitó), Nicolas Amelot & Lotfi Bani (Syngenta), Ton Kuipers & Ryohei Arimoto (Takii Europe)
Excused: Rob Huijten & Dorothea Majer (BASF), Rory Ruiter (Holland Select), Pierre Lavrijsen (Limgroup), Mitsui, Gerthon van de Bunt (Pop Vriend Seeds)

1. Opening

Ben Tax, Chairman of the Board, opened the meeting at 10.10 and welcomed all members present to the extended General Meeting of ILP Vegetable in 2026. It marked a special occasion as this was the first time in the 11-years existence of the association that a two-day meeting dedicated to extensive learning was organised. The contents of the workshops were based on input from previous workshops and discussions within the Board.

2. Competition Law Statement

The Chairman reminded everyone of the importance of abiding to the ILP Competition Law Statement. He requested the members to exercise caution and refrain from discussing any sensitive issues during the meeting but also when socialising. The members were informed of the guidelines via the leaflet handed out prior to and at the meeting. The proceedings of this meeting will be in accordance with these guidelines.

All members present agreed to comply with the Competition Law Statement.

3. Adoption of the agenda and announcements; additional agenda items

No new items were suggested by the members, hence the agenda remained unchanged and was approved by all members present.



The announcements concerned:

Julian Kinderlerer

A moment was taken to remember Julian Kinderlerer, who had passed away in the beginning of the year. He was appointed as an expert in 2014 and made a valuable contribution to ILP aligned with his belief that food should be available for everyone. The search for a replacement would start soon.

Overview membership

ILP currently counts 20 members, of which 4 small, 4 medium (incl. new member Harmoniz) and 12 large (incl. new member Axia Seeds).

Introduction two new members.

ILP welcomed two new members in 2026. Representatives were present to introduce their company.

Harmoniz was founded through the merger of Nirit Seeds Ltd. and TomaTech Ltd. in Israel in 2023 and specialises in high-quality tomatoes, cucumber and pepper varieties.

Axia Vegetable Seeds was founded in 2010 in The Netherlands and became part of Denso (Japan) in 2025. It focuses on breeding vegetable seeds for heated and unheated greenhouse cultivation, with or without artificial light. Its goal is to develop new, distinctive vegetable varieties.

New member of the Expert Committee

Tony Tangena of Tangena Patent Advice, who replaced Jan Stael, is a.o. specialized in patent valuation, licensing, IP, trademark design and has advised many multinationals. He holds a Master in solid state physics and a PhD in mechanical engineering and is also a patent attorney. He hopes to contribute in ILP licensing and portfolio management.

4. Minutes of the General Meeting ILP Vegetable on 16 December 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 December 2025 last were discussed page by page. The four actions have in the meantime been dealt with. The minutes were then approved.

5. Discussion and adoption of the annual accounts 2025 & allocation of the result 2025

Jeroen Kamphuis, Managing Director of ILP, first gave an annual report of activities held in 2025: 11 years existence of ILP, an increase of the membership to 18 (with the affiliation of Gautier Semences in 2025), no arbitration cases and a raise of committed patents to 383 (a 6% increase). In 2026, two more companies joined ILP and another is in the pipeline. The Board held 7 meetings (5 regular and 2 extraordinary) and focused on the preparation of the workshop in 2026, recruitment of a new member for the Expert Committee, interviews with potential new members, preparation of a position paper re the involvement of a (NGT) technology provider, follow-up on a possible missing patent in the patent register and discussion of the financial reports and audit.

The Expert Committee convened once and discussed the ILP developments and EU regulatory changes, evaluated the outcome of the 2025 workshop, reviewed the new Seed Treatment Cost Table for 2025-2030 and held an excursion. Dick Cahoon was reappointed, and Ton Tangena was appointed after the departure of Jan Stael. One vacancy remains.



The MD then continued with the financial figures. The figures hardly differ from the forecast presented at the general meeting in December 2025. A total income of Euro 157,903 against Euro 155,097 expenses resulting in a profit of Euro 2,806 and a healthy equity of Euro 245,459.

For 2026 a 10% increase in fee had been introduced. With the affiliation of two new members more income is generated for membership fees, resulting in a budget income for FY 2026 of Euro 246,350 against expenses of Euro 244,800. The latter are slightly higher in view of expenses for the two-day workshop in July.

EY performed a full scope audit of the Annual Report 2025, found no issues and included an unqualified (=clean) opinion in the Annual Report. The Chairman explained that, although the annual accounts are relatively simple, ILP has opted for an extensive review as it wishes to be clear and transparent in presenting the information to its international members. In general it was concluded that the ILP system works well, no arbitration cases have been held up to now, the association is in a healthy financial position and its secretariat (Lejeune Association Management) has performed its duties in a very effective and professional way.

The GM was requested to approve the annual accounts and the allocation of the profit of Euro 2,806 to the general reserves. All present agreed.

6. Release from liability of the Board members

According to article 24.2 the General Assembly has to approve the release from liability of the Board Members. The Chairman stressed that all decisions in the Board are taken unanimously and that presentations for the upcoming workshop have been scrutinized and agreed upon by the entire board. They are not based on a singular opinion. All members agreed.

7. Date of the next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 December 2026 at the Hotel Van der Valk Schiphol A4.

8. Miscellaneous

No further comments were raised.

9. Closure of the meeting

The Chairman thanked all members for their input. He wished them a relaxing and comfortable stay and a fruitful workshop and closed the General Meeting at 11.00 CET.