

ICLGG International Advisory Board

1. Mission.

ICLGG is focused on basic genetics and genomics-enabled legume science, with a balance between purely basic and directed/applied science. However, rather than applied science per se, ICLGG strives to feature basic science that is motivated by practical applications.

The range of topics presented at ICLGG should be broad and to the extent possible it should emphasize the functional relevance of genetic/genomic features. Research presented at ICLGG typically spans novel technologies and enabling data sets; genome structure, evolution and function; legume-microbe interactions; agronomic traits; genetic diversity and community genomics; and genome-enabled breeding. Future meetings should maintain this core, with revisions as appropriate based on changing research emphases.

2. International Advisory Board.

Function. The function of the IAB is to uphold the ICLGG mission, by maintaining scientific quality and continuity from meeting to meeting. The IAB works directly with the local organizers to establish meeting content, in particular by defining session topics, identifying speakers and by providing feedback on meeting organization. The IAB is the body through which subsequent meeting venues are determined.

Leadership within the IAB will be from a rotating chairperson, voted in place every two years (once for each meeting) from IAB members. The chairperson will be a primary point of contact with the chair of the local organizing committee and she/he will attend the meeting and moderate discussions regarding the next venue. Thus, the chairperson in any given meeting year will have considerable interaction with the local organizing committee and should be prepared for an intermittent workload.

Membership. Continuity of ICLGG is maintained by appointment of IAB members most of whom will serve for three successive meetings. The exception are meeting-specific members, appointed by the local meeting organizers with approval from the IAB.

- IAB size of 12
- 6 persons elected by ICLGG participants and serving for a maximum of the three meetings (ca. 6 years) subsequent to the date of their election.
- 3 persons who are the three most recent local organizers. These individuals will serve for three meetings (ca. 6 years) subsequent to the date of their appointment.
- 3 persons who are appointed on a one-time, meeting-specific basis to the IAB. Nomination of these individuals is from the local organizers for the particular meeting, with approval by the IAB. In the event that an elected IAB member is also recent local organizer, then the next previous local organizer will assume IAB membership to keep the number of past local organizers at 3.
- Each conference holds a meeting of the IAB that comprises the members of the new committee together with the members of the former committee. This meeting elects the new IAB Chair for one conference cycle.

3. Local organizers.

The responsibility for meeting organization rests solely with the local organizers, including all local arrangements such as fund raising, advertising, venue selection, speaker invitations, communication with participants, etc.

The local organizers will establish a local organizing committee, with a

locally elected chair. Care should be taken to ensure that several members of the local organizing committee will be actively involved with meeting function.

Local organizers will play a key role in establishing meeting content, but their role in this regard is collaborative with the IAB, not independent. Each meeting will emphasize, to an extent, science of particular interest to the local organizers, but on the whole meeting content will be international in nature, representing the most recent advances in legume genetics and genomics. Early in the planning for each meeting, the local organizers will initiate discussion with the IAB to identify session topics and plenary speakers.

4. IAB meetings.

Selection of meeting venues

At each conference the IAB meets to discuss business. This meeting comprises the members of the new committee together with the members of the former committee. This meeting elects the new IAB Chair for one conference cycle.