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**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of International Licensing Platform
Vegetable
25 February 2026
Online meeting**

Present:

Ben Tax, Chairman	Rijk Zwaan
Sonja Woitsch	KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA
Nicolas Amelot	Syngenta
Bert Schrijver	Bejo Zaden
Aniek Verhaar	Enza Zaden
Jeroen Kamphuis	Managing Director (minutes)
Chris van Winden	Advisor

1 Opening

Ben Tax opens the meeting and welcomes those present.

2 Antitrust caution statement

The chairman indicated that although everyone present was well-acquainted with the rules, it was still good to remind them once again. The chairman reiterated the need for caution when discussing matters that may be in the gray area and urged everyone to raise their hands if they felt that matters were being discussed that might violate the rules. All members confirm that they have read the antitrust caution statement and will comply with this statement.

3 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with no adjustments.

4 Minutes of the Board meeting held on 16 December 2025

No comments or remarks about the minutes, so the minutes of the meeting, held on 16 December 2025, were correct and complete, and as such approved by the Board.

List of actions:

#	Action	Responsible	Status
1	Make text suggestions for the position paper based on feedback from General meeting	Nicolas Amelot	Agenda item 5
2	Develop a learning event for both members and experts, to be held on 1-3 July 2026	Jeroen Kamphuis / Board	Agenda item 7



3	Contact legal advisor to assist Board	Aniek Verhaar	Agenda item 6
4	Formulate key evaluation criteria for members of expert committee	Jeroen Kamphuis	Agenda item 8

5 Adjusted memo ‘Recommendations to ILP members when a technology provider license is involved in a trait covered by a Committed Patent’

Nicolas Amelot briefly explains the changes the working group made to the memo in response to members' requests for clarification during the General Meeting held in December 2025. The Board approves these changes and requests Jeroen Kamphuis to send the revised document to the members as the final version.

6 Open discussion on the scope of ILP Vegetable

The chairman provides a brief historical overview of past discussions on the topic of "broadening the scope." Broadening the scope could potentially involve expanding to other sectors, such as agricultural crops, ornamentals, or fruits. Broadening could also refer to inclusion of parental lines or the exchange of plant materials. All Board members agree that broadening the scope in all these directions is (currently) undesirable.

A more promising approach would be to include Category 1 NGT within the scope of ILP. Incidentally, once the legislative decision-making process in the EU is finalized, these would also "automatically" fall within the scope of ILP.

Furthermore, we discussed the possibility to include in the SLA the option to acquire access to markers, used to develop the trait. This needs careful consideration. It was decided to set up a committee to prepare a discussion memo about this for the next Board meeting. The committee, chaired by Jeroen will consist of Sonja, Nicolas and Bert. In addition, Jeroen will ask Marian Suelmann and Chris van Winden to participate as well.

7 Learning event Workshop 2026 for members and experts

Jeroen Kamphuis briefly explained the preliminary workshop program, as previously emailed to the board members. Further explanation and clarification was provided. The Board members then approved the format of the two-day workshop, with the following actions and suggestions for consideration:

- Create a concrete time schedule for upcoming meetings and for providing presentation slide decks;
- Provide more substantive guidance on objectives for each topic;
- Flexibility is needed regarding the program's timing (some components may require less time, others more).



Jeroen Kamphuis indicated that he will consider these points when fine-tuning the program. Interim communication with the Board members will take place as needed, and a status update will be provided at the next Board meeting on May 7th.

8 Evaluation criteria reappointment members of the Expert Committee

After a short introduction from Ben Tax, the board members agree with the memo's structure, with the following suggestions and comments:

- Many of the evaluation points relate to the situation in which an arbitration case has occurred. However, this has never been the case. Nevertheless, these topics can be drawn upon from experiences gained in handling case studies.
- Point 1 of the memo now states that expertise is required in 'vegetable breeding, seed technology, or related domains'. This text should be reevaluated and rephrased.
- The mentioned evaluation criteria partly overlap and can be further condensed.
- It is important to emphasize that the arbitrators should be viewed as a team, so the composition and distribution of knowledge areas (combined expertise) remains a key issue.

Jeroen Kamphuis will use this input to prepare a second draft for discussion at the next Board meeting.

9 Miscellaneous

Jeroen Kamphuis informs as follows:

- a) Membership application and formalization: the final legal formalities for a candidate member are underway. Hopefully we can welcome this candidate as member in the coming months.
- b) Website ILP: the website has undergone a technical update which unfortunately has led to some disruptions in recent weeks, but should be stable now. Attention will be given to updating information on the site since some is outdated.
- c) SLA 2026 Lejeune: the contract with Lejeune as service provider to ILP was renewed based on the same service level as in previous years but with a service fee adjusted for CPI increase of 3% (compared to last year).

10 Closing of the meeting

No other matters being raised, the chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting.



List of actions:

#	Action	Responsible	Deadline
1	Send final document 'Recommendations technology provider' to all members	Jeroen Kamphuis	End of February
2	Prepare a discussion memo about inclusion in the SLA the option to acquire access to markers, used to develop the trait	Working group	Fall 2026 (at the latest)
3	Fine tune program for workshop	Jeroen Kamphuis	Within 4 weeks
4	Fine tune memo re key evaluation criteria for members of expert committee	Jeroen Kamphuis	Next board meeting
5	Update text on website ILP	Jeroen Kamphuis	Ongoing