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AgGene Joins ETS Program

The Global Stewardship Group is pleased to welcome [AgGene](#) as a new Excellence Through Stewardship program member.

Led by CEO and co-founder Logan Skori, AgGene is a Calgary-based biotechnology company developing novel genetic traits to improve crop performance and seed quality. The company focuses on agronomic traits like abiotic stress tolerance and seed nutrition traits

such as protein content and taste. With a primary focus on canola and pulse crops, and additional work in rice, AgGene is advancing resilient, high-value traits to support global food and feed systems.

The Global Stewardship Group looks forward to working with the talented team at AgGene on achieving their stewardship goals.



Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center Completes PBIMP Audit

The [Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center](#) (WCIC), an administrative unit of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has successfully completed its Plant Breeding Innovation Management Program (PBIMP) audit.

WCIC is the second organization to complete a PBIMP audit and the first academic organization to do so. WCIC provides plant transformation and editing services in a wide range of species (specializing in elite varieties), for clients and collaborators all over the world. The Production Team currently focuses on the weekly transformation of maize, soybean, sorghum, cowpea, and hemp. The R&D Team has successfully transformed many legumes and other important crops, including seven of the top ten crops ranked by annual global production, and can accommodate additional crop

transformations upon request.

The Global Stewardship Group is proud to join the WCIC team in celebrating their audit success.



Member Profile: Donald Danforth Plant Science Center

The [Donald Danforth Plant Science Center](#), an Excellence Through Stewardship Program member, prides itself on being a “team of teams,” fostering an environment characterized by excellence, trust, and interdependence. Learn more about the Danforth Center in this month's Member Profile.

[Read the Member Profile](#)



GSG Presents to Genome Editing Workshop

Earlier this month, the Global Stewardship Group presented to, "Precision, Policy, and People: A Genome Editing Workshop for Crop Improvement" at the invitation of the [International Rice Research Institute](#) and the [Thailand Rice Science Institute](#). GSG staff presented virtually to the event held in Bangkok, Thailand.

The goal of the workshop was to discuss the potential of innovative genome editing technologies and their potential in agriculture, such as climate change, food insecurity, and emerging crop disease challenges, as well as share the regulatory environment in Asia. GSG's presentation included information on its programs, such as the [Plant Breeding Innovation Management Program](#), Quality Management Systems, Incident Response, and Third-Party Management.



Participants of the Genome Editing Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand



GSG's Learning Program Continues Growth

Nearly 100 people have completed GSG's e-learning course, [Stewardship Best Practices](#) while 120 more are registered or in the process of taking the course. The participants include member company professionals as well as university students and professors.

As part of our effort to increase stewardship educational opportunities to our members, we recently launched a new course, How to Prepare for a Program Audit.

More information is available on our website or by contacting GSG staff.

[Course Information](#)

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Next GSG Webinar

All Member Meeting: Programs, Activities, & Opportunities

The next Global Stewardship Group Webinar, ***GSG All Member Meeting: Programs, Activities and Opportunities***, will take place on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:00 AM Eastern time. To accommodate all time zones, we will repeat the webinar at 10:00 PM Eastern time.

This is our annual meeting for all GSG program participants and will include updates on activities and governance, member resources, and discussions of new program opportunities.

This year's event will include special guest **Francis Onyekachi**, Product Stewardship Manager for the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF). Francis will share the challenges, successes, and opportunities in plant product stewardship in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Agenda:

- GSG Program and Committee Governance and Updates
 - ETS and PBI MP
 - Resource Spotlight – GSG Learning
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- New Project Development
 - Post Patent Stewardship
 - Plant Molecular Farming Stewardship
- Special Presentation – Stewardship Challenges and Opportunities in Africa

We would like at least one representative from each GSG program participant to attend the webinar, as it is a great opportunity to catch up on stewardship activities and opportunities.

Be sure to look for and respond to the GSG Member Survey following the webinar. This will be your opportunity to provide feedback, sign up for committee and project activities of interest, and suggest future webinar topics and member resource needs.

Click below to register!

[Register for the GSG Webinar at 10 AM Eastern](#)

[Register for the GSG Webinar at 10 PM Eastern](#)



GSG Seeks Program Committee Members

Global Stewardship Group committees are an integral part of the

development of programs, projects, and initiatives. We are seeking additional members to join. The GSG Committees are:

Technical Development Committee

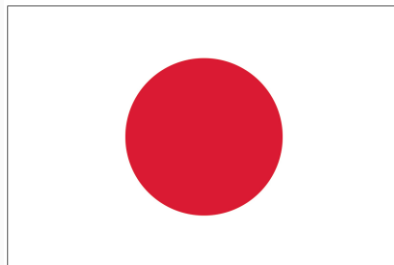
Audit Operations Committee

Academic & E-Learning Committee

Communications Committee

GSG could not fulfill its mission without the knowledge and expertise of the talented people from our member organizations. If you are interested in receiving more information about the committees and their roles and responsibilities, please click below.

[GSG Committee Information](#)



Auditors Needed in Japan

Due to continued growth of global program participation, the Global Stewardship Group is seeking auditors fluent in Japanese. GSG will provide the necessary training and make the

auditors' services available to program members.

To inquire about this or to recommend a candidate, please click below.

[Submit Japanese Auditor Information](#)



Expert Chronicles Submissions Needed

GSG is seeking content for our Expert Chronicles series. Submissions can be in formats besides original written articles. Existing presentations, videos, and articles that have not yet reached the full GSG member audience are perfect offerings for Expert Chronicles.

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Have You Submitted Your Audit Plan?

At the beginning of every audit cycle, program participants are required to submit an Audit Plan.

The Audit Plan is a draft road map of your planned audits. It is a working document that can be updated at any time. We just ask that you notify GSG staff of any changes.

To submit your Audit Plan, click the **Send My Audit Plan** button.

If you do not know your Audit Plan status or have questions, click the **Know My Status** button.

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