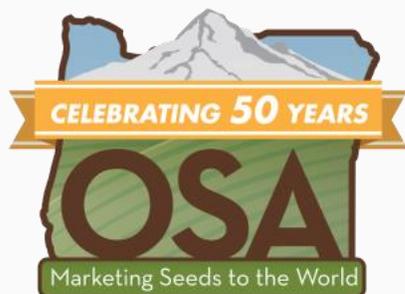


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OREGON SEED ASSOCIATION

Spring Newsletter

May 24, 2019

We hope you enjoy this new, condensed newsletter format. If you have ideas for improving this newsletter, please contact the office at 503-685-7555 or email smith@pacwestcom.com

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[A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT](#)

Wow! My year as president of OSA is just about over, and I have started counting down the days to June 26 (only 34 days as I write this), when my term ends and I will pass the gavel to Phill Lindgren.



The last few months have proven to be extremely busy as the board deals with a few issues that affect our membership, while we continue to arrange a commemorative and remarkable 50th anniversary summer convention.

[The full article continues here](#)

[2019 Legislative Session Update](#)

This has been a busy session! We are closing in on the final month and with the recent delay on the corporate tax for education behind us, we anticipate bills and budgets to begin moving quickly through the process. For OSA and our lobby team, this session has been about gaining recognition, credibility and building support.

Seed Coalition Work Group

By James Schneider, Legislative Chair

The proposed legislation put forward by the OSA was pulled from this year's Legislative Session by joint agreement with OGSBA. One of the outcomes of this effort was a realization that the grass seed industry needs to find some points of agreement.

If you can measure it, you can improve it.

Read the full article [HERE>>>](#)

Each Friday during session, your lobby team prepares weekly updates that are sent to membership. Recent reports included updates on the intermodal projects, Chlorpyrifos ban and other bills relating to pesticides, and GMO patent liability and drift contamination rules.

Those updates are posted on the OSA website [HERE>>>](#)



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SUMMER CONVENTION JUNE 25-26, 2019

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE OREGON GARDEN RESORT
FOR THESE TOPICS & MORE:**

Keynote Speaker, Bill Spreitzer, Excellerate Solutions: Ethics, Values and Integrity--How to live your life when no one is looking

ODA Workshop on Soil Tolerances and Testing: Interact with ODA staff, learn how visual inspections are done and what different soil tolerances look like

Dr. Heino Schaupp: European export opportunities, differences in contracting seed with farmers, national seed testing, and other export topics

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

OSA will celebrate its 50 year anniversary with a "family reunion" themed convention.

Join us at the beautiful [Oregon Garden Resort](#) in Silverton, Oregon.

Click [HERE](#) for full convention details, or view the preliminary Agenda [here](#).

The lodging cutoff date for group rates was Friday, May 24, but the rate will be honored if rooms are still available.

[Key Issues](#)

International Committee Alert: Rodent Dropping Contamination Tolerance for Seed for Sowing (Australia)

The purpose of this notification is to advise on the interim policy to manage rodent faecal contamination in imported pasture seed (such as *Lolium* spp., *Festuca* spp., *Poa* spp., *Agrostis* spp) for sowing – Updated 26 April 2019.

[READ THE FULL NOTICE HERE>>>](#)

Oregon Import Seed Quarantine Program

The Customs and Border Protection (CBP), along with USDA APHIS want to discontinue this program that allows Oregon dealers to unload shipments and have ODA sample import seed at a certified warehouse. The change would mean that all shipments would be unloaded and tested at the “first port of entry.”

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SAVE THE DATE!

What: OSA Mid-Winter Meeting

When: January 16, 2020

Where: Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn, 505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355

Check [here](#) for more information.



STEP offers 8 Courses in Seed Technology to train seed analysts to work in State or Commercial Seed Laboratories. A **Certificate in Seed Technology** is awarded to students who complete the requirements as described on the [website](#).

The courses are invaluable for anyone who wants a career in seed technology or for current analysts working to become a Registered Seed Technologist (RST) or a Certified Seed Analyst (CSA). The STEP Course Program is designed to help fill a well-documented need for new seed analysts within the industry. The courses are offered on line through the Continuing Education Dept. at CSU.

[Read the full Press Release here>>>](#)

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