



Access to Seeds Foundation Activity Report 2011/2012

Establishment of Access to Seeds Foundation established

The Access to Seeds was founded at 13 October 2011 by Wim Leereveld at the notary office of Mr. Van Soest in Haarlem, The Netherlands.

Proposal for feasibility study approved

At 15 November 2011 the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation notified that it would provide a grant for a feasibility study for the Access to Seeds Index., based on a plan submitted at 31 August 2011 by Wim Leereveld and Ed Monchen.

Feasibility Study conducted

In January, February and March 2012 the feasibility study on the Access to Seeds Index was conducted. Peter Kustermans (partner Boer & Croon) Gerbert Hengelaar (consultant Boer&Croon) and Ed Monchen (COO Access to Seeds Index) did the study. For this study 25 stakeholders in the seed industry were consulted. It concluded that the Access to Seeds Index could add value.

Proposal for development of the Access to Seeds Index methodology approved

The Access to Seeds Foundation submitted a proposal for development of the methodology of the Access to Seeds Index at 12 June 2012. The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation at 8 November 2012 granted the request.

Project team established

A project team was formed in November 2012 to develop the methodology. For this, the Access to Seeds Foundation cooperated with the Dutch consultancy firm Boer & Croon. The team was composed of

- Ido Verhagen, project manager
- Gerbert Hengelaar, researcher
- Deniz Horzum, researcher

Steering Committee established

To monitor the project, a steering committee was composed, consisting of

- Marcel Vernooij, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Anno Galema, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Frits van der Wal, Dutch Ministry Foreign Affairs
- Wim Leereveld, CEO Access to Medicine Foundation
- Ed Monchen, COO Access to Medicine Foundation
- Peter Kustermans, Managing Partner Boer & Croon

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