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Recently Completed Audits

The Global Stewardship Group would like to congratulate [Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations](#), the [International Institute of Tropical Agriculture](#) (IITA), [Forage Genetics International](#), the [International Potato Center](#), and [KWS](#) for successfully completing their audits under the Excellence Through Stewardship Global Audit Process. The ETS Global Audit Process ensures that our members have stewardship programs and quality management systems consistent with the Excellence Through Stewardship initiative.

[Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations](#) works to accelerate the most promising agricultural innovations being made available to those who need them most: smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The organization was created to act as an agricultural innovation accelerator, connecting what they see as a fragmented research and development pipeline to deliver improved crop varieties.

[IITA](#) is an award-winning, research-for-development organization, providing solutions to hunger, poverty, and the degradation of natural resources in Africa. Since 1967, IITA has worked with international and national partners to improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity.

[Forage Genetics International](#) is a leader in the development of value-added forages with a focus on alfalfa. Their activities include biotech, plant breeding, and seed production. They are actively distributing seed in more than 10 countries worldwide with established research programs in several of those countries.

[The International Potato Center](#) (CIP) was founded in 1971 as a research-for-development organization with a focus on potato, sweet potato and Andean roots and tubers. It delivers innovative science-based solutions to enhance access to affordable nutritious food, foster inclusive sustainable business and employment growth, and drive the climate resilience of root and tuber agri-food systems. Headquartered in Lima, Peru, CIP has a research presence in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

[KWS](#) is an independent and family-owned company based in Germany that focuses on plant breeding, with operations in 70 countries. Their products include seed varieties for sugar beet, corn, cereals, oil and protein plants, sorghum, catch crops, and vegetables.



The Expert Chronicles

ETS Auditor and seed quality consultant Dr. Shah Thankappan believes strongly in employee training, organizational awareness, and recognition when it comes to incident response. In this month's Expert Chronicles, he puts forth his thoughts on how to create an environment where incident response is taken seriously and implemented most effectively.

[Read the Expert Chronicles](#)

We are looking for more volunteers to contribute **written articles** or **recorded presentations** to our GSG Newsletter on a range of topics related to plant biotechnology.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your expertise to a wider audience, and provide the type of insight that will advance the common interests of the industry.

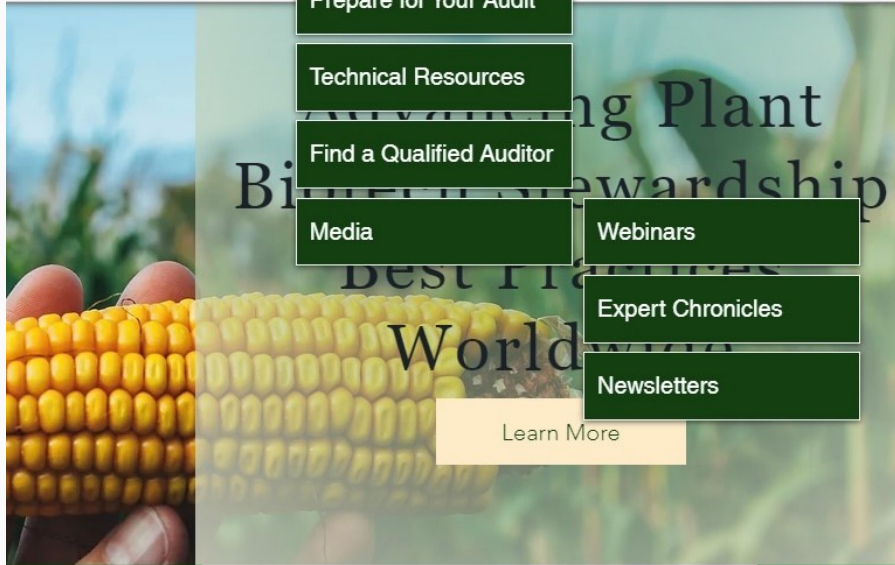
We look forward to hearing from you!

[Contribute to the Expert Chronicles](#)



Spotlight on ETS Member Resources

The ETS website has been updated to allow for easy access GSG media content. Under the Member Resources menu, there is now a selection for Media, with a sub-menu to access content. All GSG webinars, Expert Chronicles, and newsletters are housed in this new location.



[Our Guides](#)

[ETS Website](#)



Have you submitted your audit plan?

Remember, at the beginning of every Audit Cycle, you must submit an “**Audit Plan**”.

This Audit Plan is a draft road map of your planned audits. It is a working document and can be updated at any time by contacting the Global Stewardship Group staff.

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

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