

Banana R&D Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP)

Date: 17th October 2017

Location: Cairns

Next Meeting: 9th March 2018, Brisbane

Attendance:

Matt Abbott

Andre Drenth

Rosie Godwin

Stewart Lindsay

Cameron Mackay

Mark Nucifora

Stephen Spear

David Tate

Astrid Hughes – Hort Innovation

Tim Archibald – Hort Innovation

Sally Holmes – Hort Innovation

Marilyn Hill – Stenographer

Peter O’Brien – Chair

Doug Phillips – apology

Overview

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the banana R&D investment program, prioritise future research and development and organise the industry engagement, subcommittee interaction and face to face meetings over the next twelve months.

The Chair opened the meeting with Acknowledgement of Country and restated the meeting objectives. The governance, minutes and actions from the previous meeting were outlined and discussed with progress since the last meeting highlighted.

The key investment of plant protection was discussed with project leaders Stewart Lindsay and Andre Drenth outlining to the panel an update on recent and upcoming activity – noting the inaugural Plant Protection and Varieties subcommittee meeting on 18th October 2017.

After a further update on additional components of the R&D investment program, including bunchy top the concepts received were then prioritised for future investment. The strategic investment plan (SIP) was discussed in conjunction with the concepts.

The meeting concluded with the financial position of the R&D levy program outlined, including the cost allocation model and a presentation on commercialisation that was also presented to the Plant Protection and Varieties Committee.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation’s banana R&D investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials are available on the banana webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

Next steps

The SIAP agreed to meet face to face 9th March 2018 in Brisbane and as needed or alternatively via email or teleconference. Further face to face meetings will be held in July and November 2018.

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