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Reports to:	Centre Advisory Committee
Sub-Committees:	

Purpose

The purpose of the Science Advisory Panel is to provide:

1. advise on, and guide, the Centre's research planning and outputs;
2. an international perspective on the Centre's research field, advising Centre management and the Centre Advisory Committee on development of the strategic research direction of the Centre.

Terms of Reference

The Panel shall:

1. *Advise and support the Centre's leadership team in its scientific planning, to **ensure rigour and integrity** in the Centre's research and quality of research outputs to world leading standard;*
2. *Ensure that the **core values** of the Centre are upheld in research contexts;*
 - (a) International research excellence
 - (b) Integrity
 - (c) Inclusion – people
3. ***Benchmark** the Centre's research programs at least every two years, to ensure that the Centre's skills, abilities, facilities, networks and connections are upheld at top international standards;*
4. *Report annually to the Centre Advisory Committee and the Centre Director, and **provide advice on the international standing** of the Centre's research program.*

Membership

The membership of the Scientific Advisory Panel will be determined in consultation with the Centre Advisory Committee and Eligible Organisation DVCRs. Members will span the fields of plant development, evolution, modelling and crop science, and will include senior personnel from leading international partner and non-partner organisations, and Australian government and research and development corporations.

Chair	Non-Centre member with demonstrated extensive experience as the leader of a large research organisation
Deputy Chair	TBC
Centre Director	ex-officio
Other members to be confirmed	

Member names and contact details

Name	Position	Affiliation	Email
Professor Marilyn Anderson	Chair Expertise: plant molecular biology and biochemistry	La Trobe University	m.anderson@latrobe.edu.au
Professor Christine Beveridge	Ex-officio	Centre Director (UQ)	c.beveridge@uq.edu.au
Professor Mark Cooper	Ex-officio	Deputy Director (Research) and Chair, Translation & Impact Committee	mark.cooper@uq.edu.au
David Tomlins	Ex-officio	COO/Deputy Director (Operations & Strategy)	d.tomlins@uq.edu.au
Dr Bettina Berger	Expertise: molecular biology of plants; phenotyping	University of Adelaide	bettina.berger@adelaide.edu.au
Professor Bruce Walsh	Expertise: genetics of complex traits; quantitative genetics; plant breeding	University of Arizona	jbwalsh@u.arizona.edu
Prof Detlef Weigel	Expertise: developmental and evolutionary biology	Max Planck Institute	Detlef.weigel@tuebingen.mpg.de
Prof Andrew Young	Expertise: plant population genetics and ecology	CSIRO	andrew.young@csiro.au
Eligible Organisation representatives TBC			

Term of office

Members shall be appointed for a two year term. Members may be invited to serve a further term.

Attendance by invitation

The Chair may invite other stakeholders to attend meetings to contribute to discussion of items of business, as appropriate.

Quorum

A quorum consists of 50% plus one of members. If a quorum is not reached, the Chair may determine to adjourn the meeting.

Conflict of Interest

Committee members are required to declare to the Chair any real, perceived or potential conflict of interest they may have with any matters related to the Centre's research or operations, including matters which may be listed on the Committee's agenda for discussion.

Unless the Chair otherwise directs, the member concerned must not be present when the Committee considers the issue nor take part in a decision of the Committee about the issue.

The member concerned must not be present when the Committee is considering whether to excuse them from Committee discussions on the issue.

Where a conflict of interest has been declared and results in the exclusion of a member from voting, the motion will be passed on a consensus of the remaining Committee members with voting rights. Should the motion go to vote, the decision will be made on a vote of 50% plus one of the remaining Committee members.

Any disclosure of a conflict of interest must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Frequency of Meetings

The Panel will meet at least once annually. The Centre will work with Panel members to rotate meeting attendance by video-conference and face-to-face participation.

Secretariat support and contact details

Secretariat: Centre Office for Research Management & Support (CORMS)

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