



CORESTA

A Mission

When CORESTA was founded, in 1956, its purpose was defined by resolutions clearly stating *"that a close, concrete and permanent cooperation be achieved between the various sectors of study concerning tobacco"* and *"that the reference systems be unified [and] analytic methods standardised"*.

This bound the core spirit of the Association. Today, CORESTA maintains its founders' goals: to respond and resolve the non-competitive issues associated with tobacco production, product manufacture and use.

With the increasing regulatory requirements, the scientific work and outputs of CORESTA have become a worldwide reference when tobacco is at stake.

The theme of the 2010 Congress in Edinburgh:

"Promoting the Scientific Basis for Tobacco Product Regulation"

strongly emphasised this dedication, as saluted in the Congress opening speech by Dr David Ashley, Director - CTP Office of Science.

Pursuing CORESTA's goals

Driven by a Board of elected and co-opted member companies, providing strategic guidance, the scientific work within CORESTA covers topics of interest to the tobacco community and is mainly conducted by the various working groups.

Four Study Groups

A Scientific Commission initiates, leads and monitors this scientific work through 4 Study Groups:

Agromony: involves the scientific study of the production of all types of tobacco leaf, from seed to curing, from crop management to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), leading to efficient and sustainable production of tobacco.



Phytopathology: studies pests and diseases that affect tobacco, monitors and reports the occurrence and spread of diseases and works on studies that lead to the development of resistant genotypes for higher yields and quality of tobacco. The Study Group also investigates genetically modified plants detection methods.

Smoke Science: drives scientific studies on smoke compounds, smoking behaviour and smoke exposure, developing specific analytical methods and conducting chemical and biological investigations into tobacco smoke properties. This Group's increasing concern is to develop sound science as a basis for engaging the scientific and regulatory community on these issues.

Product Technology: relates to tobacco processing, product manufacturing and facilities monitoring. This includes the description of physical and chemical properties of all components and their interaction in the final tobacco product, together with the development of analytical methods as well as the monitoring of engineering techniques, product design and manufacturing, and environmental protection.

Each of these Study Groups divides its work within smaller groups dealing with objectives set in liaison with the Board. They share reports on their work during yearly CORESTA meetings.

Agrochemical Advisory Committee (ACAC)

This group is dedicated to gathering scientific data and regulatory information about tobacco agrochemicals. Its members are experts in various fields related to agro-chemical products and their usage in tobacco growing, ACAC members cover a wide geographic and company representation, providing proactive awareness of and response to increasingly stringent issues.

Setting Standards and more

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Research Relative to Tobacco

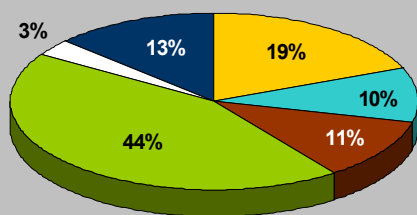
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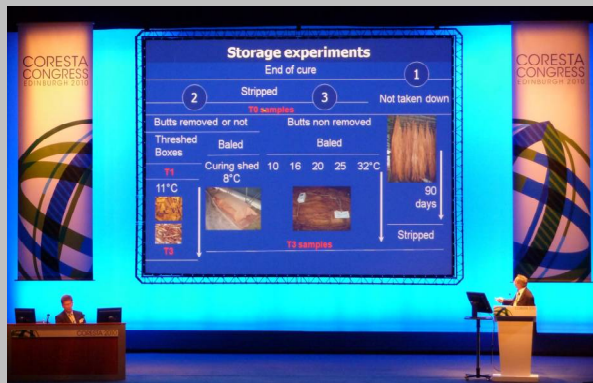
Collaborative work

If the 24 founder organisations were mainly State Monopolies and Government Institutes or Services, today's members – over 180 - are now largely diversified. Privatisations and global mergers have changed the picture on the manufacturing side; chemicals, papers and filters suppliers have joined CORESTA, as well as growers and providers of control and production equipment or services.

Moreover, in recent years, led by increasing regulatory requirements, a number of independent and government laboratories have become members.



Altogether, they share knowledge, experience, cooperate in collaborative studies, supplying components, equipment and resources to produce CORESTA Recommended Methods - most of which are now ISO standards -, Guides, Technical Reports, or any form of document made publicly available and presented at CORESTA gatherings, then posted on the website.



Meeting and sharing

Meetings have always been an essential part of CORESTA. They are, for the tobacco scientific community, the opportunity for both high level communications and informal discussions, leading to fruitful exchanges and new initiatives.

Congresses are on even years, a 4-day major event where some 500 scientists meet and where, aside from the scientific presentations, posters and Group reports, the General Assembly is held, together with elections for the renewal of the Board and the Scientific Commission.

On odd years, the Agronomy and Phytopathology Study Groups on the one hand, and Smoke Science and Product Technology Groups on the other hand, meet in separate smaller scale Joint Meetings.

Other meetings are held by CORESTA bodies for their internal work, as well as open workshops and seminars in various parts of the world, to answer specific demands or share information in a particular context, in order to meet people in their own geographical area where the issues are occurring.

Congresses and Joint Meetings are open to all interested persons as attendees and presenters; however, CORESTA membership is required in order to participate fully in the working groups.

New challenges

54 years after its foundation, CORESTA is a well recognized scientific organisation, second only to ISO when it comes to documented references for the international bodies dealing with all tobacco aspects. New rules are upcoming and spreading worldwide, involving people and techniques from the tobacco field to the final user, new products are appearing, from LIP cigarettes to smoke-free products. But also, new arguments are raised against tobacco.

CORESTA is working on these challenges and wants to enhance its communication skills to be the natural representative of the tobacco scientific community, in order to bring its expertise to and collaborate on regulations so they are framed by sound science.

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