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### **“Peak global pulse industry confederation CICILS IPTIC celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at best ever convention in Singapore”**

The peak not for profit International Pulse Trades and Industries Confederation (CICILS IPTIC) has just concluded what has been enthusiastically hailed by attendees from all over the world as the most successful networking and information sharing event ever held for the key players across this vitally important global food value chain.

Held in the magnificent Marina Bay Sands complex in Singapore, the convention celebrated 50 years of continuous service by CICILS IPTIC to a global industry worth over US\$100 million annually. The event brought together key representatives from 17 national peak industry associations and over 700 corporate members from 55 countries involved in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of what is considered one of the most important food and ingredient source across the globe.

**Over three days the convention focussed on many urgent and important issues facing the world including meeting the challenges of climate change and global food security for the over 1 million hungry poor people in the world who depend upon pulses such as peas, beans, lentils and chick peas for their basic staple - while at the same time fighting the triple scourge in wealthy countries of obesity, diabetes and heart disease.**

Delegates heard from health professionals and researchers from across the globe of work presently being done that may lead to successful achievement of both these objectives. In this regard there was enthusiastic support for the proposal before Food and Agriculture organisation of United Nations (FAO) to have 2016 declared International Year of pulses - which has been proposed on CICILS IPTIC behalf by the Turkish Government with Pakistan Government support. The proposal has also now received solid endorsement by governments in many of the other FAO member countries including major producing and consuming countries Australia, Canada and USA and will go through its first round of discussion at meetings of FAO in Rome from 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Other highlights included the re-election of Hakan Bahceci from UAE as President of the voluntary executive committee for a further two years and the elevation of Turkish member of the executive, Huseyin Arslan to the position of Executive Vice President.

Full information on the convention including session presentations, the executive report on last year's achievements against formal operating plan objectives, new appointments to the executive committee and other background information such as photos and video will shortly available on the web at [www.cicilsiptic.org](http://www.cicilsiptic.org)

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