

# International Collaborative Scientific Work on Tobacco and Derived Products

CORESTA = Centre de Coopération pour les Recherches Scientifiques Relatives au Tabac

Cooperation Centre for Scientific Research Relative to Tobacco

# **CORESTA Vision**

To be recognised by our members and relevant external bodies as an authoritative source of publically available, credible science and best practices related to tobacco and its derived products.

#### An Association

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

Founded in 1956 by 24 organisations from 20 countries
Now 150 Member organisations in 41 countries
involved in over 60 countries through their affiliates
Over 600 international contributing scientists
A global network of laboratories

Publications: www.coresta.org

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**Methods Guides Reports** 

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# **Scientific Work**

The scientific work of CORESTA, overseen by the Scientific Commission, is carried out within four Study Groups:

Agronomy & Leaf Integrity
Phytopathology & Genetics
Agronomy, Breeding, Curing, Sustainability, Pests & plant diseases, Agrochemical issues

Smoke Science Product Technology

Technical specifications, Methods for component and emission analysis, Consumer behaviour, Toxicology

Within each of the Study Groups, the Scientific Commission Executive Committee organises the collaborative work of the various Sub-Groups and Task Forces, smaller units which are dedicated to specific objectives.

These working groups carry out collaborative work, produce Reports, Guides and Methods. They meet during the year, report on their progress to the Scientific Commission and deliver a yearly report at the CORESTA events.

A specific Agro-Chemical Advisory Committee (ACAC) is appointed by the Scientific Commission to gather and maintain data on crop protection agent use and regulations.

37 ISO standards based on CORESTA Recommended Methods (CRMs)

+ 6 CRMs currently in the process of becoming ISO standards

Regular collaborative studies/proficiency tests to support member labs' accreditation (agrochemicals, TNCO, physical ...)
Protocols for in-vitro toxicity testing of mainstream smoke

### Approach used for the development of robust methods

Involvement of a relatively large number of laboratories
Involvement of a wide range of product and design styles
Round-table discussions during development provide valuable insight
into causes and ways to reduce inter-laboratory variability
Consensual and unanimous decisions on "standardisation"

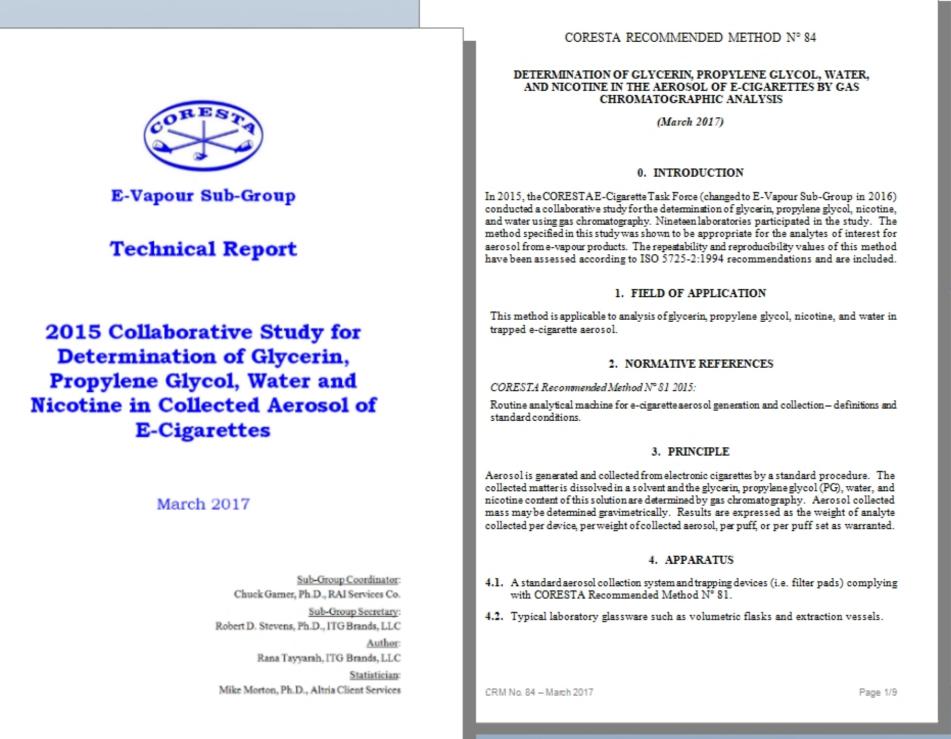
# **Achievements**

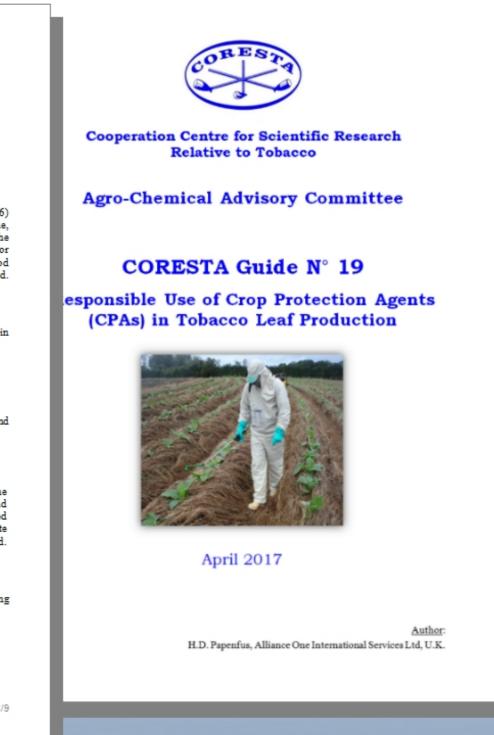
Methods, Reports and Guides are made available on the CORESTA website www.coresta.org

Experiences in method development shared within the Groups may be made publicly available in peer-review publications

# **Value of CORESTA**

Global interdisciplinary expertise from different sectors Focus on advancing scientific knowledge Leadership and coordination of inter-lab studies to recommend analytical methods





# **CORESTA** and e-cig standards

AFNOR CORESTA participation in the ECIG Commission
(France) Adoption of the CORESTA recommended vaping regime
Emphasis on analytical considerations for r&R tests

CEN CORESTA Liaison with TC437 Vape and Vapour Products (Europe) CORESTA experts in WG1, WH3 and WG4

ISO CORESTA Liaison with TC126 Tobacco & Tobacco Products (World) SC3/WG2 on Vaping machine parameters led by CORESTA

