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## World's nurseries gather in WA

The annual general meeting for the Associated International Group of Nurseries brought together leading deciduous fruit variety managers from all corners of the world



2019-2020 AIGN management team and board of directors

**T**he Associated International Group of Nurseries (AIGN) met in the US at the end of last month for its annual general meeting.

The week-long conference held in Washington State was attended by 18 members and directors from around the world attended.

The association has members spread throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, South Africa, China and the US.

The agenda focused on the theme 'Creating What Matters'

and included updates on joint ventures and breeding programmes that are currently under agreement and new opportunities. The association also introduced its new logo.

In addition to the meetings, the members enjoyed tours arranged by the host company that included a visit to the Northwest Clean Plant Centre operated by Washington State University, and Washington Fruit and Produce's production facilities.

"The importance of staying relevant in today's fruit industry is vital as the company enters its third decade of existence," said Lynnell Brand, president of AIGN.

"The founding members of AIGN had the foresight in the 1980s to recognise how significant proprietary varieties and brands would become in the fruit industry. We are now developing strategies for where we want to take the company, and the best way to promote the relationships we have developed over the course of 30 years."