

Seventh Open Session

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Dr. Terry Townsend retired as executive director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) at the end of 2013. He previously worked at USDA from 1983 to 1987 analyzing the U.S. cotton industry and editing a magazine devoted to a cross-section of agricultural issues. He served as statistician at ICAC from 1987 to 1999.

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