



Scientific Program

Monday October 20

09:00-18:30	Registration & Welcome
18:30-19:15	Siobhan M. Brady (UC Davis) Environmental Integration with Root Cell Type Development

Tuesday October 21

Abiotic stress and Genetics & Genomics

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09:00 - 09:45	Alejandra Covarrubias (IBT-UNAM) Dry Times, Tough Proteins: Roles of LEA proteins in plant responses to water scarcity
09:45 - 10:15	Minerva Trejo (Institute of Science and Technology, Austria) A brief history of DNA methylation systems in Eukaryotes
10:15 - 10:45	Ken Birnbaum (New York University) One Call, Many Responses: Decoding Auxin's Cell-Specific Language
10:45 - 11:15	Damien Formey (CCG-UNAM) Phabase: A High-Quality Genome Assembly and Platform for <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> cv. Negro Jamapa
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 12:15	Dan Chitwood (Michigan State University) Iconography and Indigenous Knowledge in the De la Cruz-Badiano Nahuatl Herbal (1552): A Text Mining and Morphometric Study of Mexican Plants
12:15 - 12:45	Azalea Guerra (Cinvestav) Genetic Diversity of Orphan Crops and Wild Relatives: A Foundation for Resilient Agroecosystems
12:45 - 13:15	Zachary Lippman (Cold Spring Harbor Labs) Hidden genetic complexities and phenotypic consequences of evolving plant stem cell networks in nature and agriculture
13:15 - 14:45	Lunch
14:45 - 16:15	Short talks
16:15-16:45	Flash talks
16:45-17:15	Coffee break
17:15-18:30	Poster session
18:30-19:15	Sue Rhee (Michigan State University)

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Wednesday October 22

Plant-biotic interactions and Metabolism

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	The EMBO Lecture
09:00 - 09:45	Cyril Zipfel (Universitat Zurich) Roles and recognition of stress-regulated secreted signaling peptides
09:45 - 10:15	Jeongmin Choi (University of Cambridge) Identification of a suppressor of arbuscular mycorrhizal symbiosis in high phosphate conditions
10:15 - 10:45	Jean Michel Ané (University of Wisconsin) Biological Nitrogen Fixation on the Aerial Roots of Maize and Sorghum for Sustainable Agriculture
10:45 - 11:15	Clelia de la Peña Seaman (CICY) Integrative study of <i>in vitro</i> albinism in <i>Agave angustifolia</i> : Transcriptomic, Epigenetic, and Metabolomic evidence
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 12:15	Robertas Ursache (CRAG) GELP proteins as architects of essential plant biopolymers
12:15 - 12:45	Samuel Zeeman (ETH Zürich) Beyond Simple Storage: Revealing the Cellular Machinery and Processes Underpinning Starch Granule Biosynthesis
12:45 - 13:15	Berkley Walker (Michigan State University) Photorespiration as a crossroads between photosynthesis, metabolism, and leaf energetics
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18:30-19:15	Marisa Otegui (University of Wisconsin Madison) Membrane remodeling by ESCRT proteins in plant cells

Thursday October 23

Development and Evolution

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09:00 - 09:45	Alfredo Cruz (Cinvestav) Exploring the AINTEGUMENTA/PLETHORA–Auxin Feedback Loop: Insights from an EvoDevo Perspective on Stem Cell Niche Regulation
09:45 - 10:15	Bob VanBuren (Michigan State University) 21st SMB Plant Biology Congress & 4 th ASPB Mexico Section Meeting

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	Leveraging evolutionary innovations in grasses to develop climate resilient agriculture
10:15 - 10:45	Moisés Expósito-Alonso (UC Berkeley) Rapid adaptation and extinction across climates in synchronized outdoor evolution experiments of <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>
10:45 - 11:15	Ana Caicedo (U Mass Amherst) Converging on competitiveness: the repeated evolution of seed shattering in weedy rice
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 12:15	Tzvetanka Dimitrova Dinkova (Facultad de Química, UNAM) microRNA regulatory roles during de-differentiation and differentiation in maize Somatic Embryogenesis
12:15 - 12:45	Paul Jarvis (Oxford University) Protein import into chloroplasts and its regulation by the ubiquitin-proteasome system
12:45 - 13:15	Zhiyong Wang (Carnegie Institution for Science) The crosstalk between sugar and brassinosteroid regulates plant growth and acclimation
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16:45-17:15	Coffee break
17:15-18:30	Business meetings
18:30-19:15	Keiko Torii (University of Texas) <i>Title</i>
20:30-23:30	Final Banquet

Friday October 24

08:30-09:15	Departure
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