



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)

Wednesday October 22

Plant-biotic interactions and Metabolism

Chair

- 09:00 - 09:45 **The EMBO Lecture**
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 *in vitro* albinism in *Agave angustifolia*: 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 **Barkeley Walker** (Michigan State University)
Photorespiration as a crossroads between photosynthesis, metabolism, and leaf energetics
- 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 **Marisa Otegui** (University of Wisconsin Madison)
Membrane remodeling by ESCRT proteins in plant cells
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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)
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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
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	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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