

Announcements

The XVII International Botanical Congress will take place from July 18-23, 2005 in Vienna, Austria, with nomenclatural sessions taking place from July 13-16. The congress is being organized by the IBC Organizing Committee, the Society for the Advancement of Plant Sciences and the Vienna Medical Academy, with support from many societies related to Plant Sciences, as well as universities, research institutions, and private sponsors. The XVII IBC is held under the auspices of the International Association of Botanical and Mycological Societies (IABMS) of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS).

Scientific disciplinary areas included in the congress are:

1. Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics
2. Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics
3. Structure and Development, including Functional Aspects
4. Botanical Diversity, Systematics
5. Population Biology
6. Plant-/Eco-Physiology, Biogeogenic Cycles
7. Phytochemistry (basic and applied)
8. Ecology, Environment, Conservation Biology
9. Human Society and Plant Sciences
10. Natural Resources, Biotechnology, Economic Botany
11. Knowledge-Sharing Databases, Bioinformatics, Electronic Communications, Education

In the tradition of previous IBC meetings, the Scientific Program of the XVII IBC will consist of Plenary lectures, symposia (consisting of oral and poster sessions), society or association meetings, new media presentations, and discussions and workshops. All participants (plenary speakers excepted) will be limited to one oral or poster presentation.

The deadline for symposium proposals is September 30, 2003. All prospective participants are invited to submit a proposal for a Symposium fitting within one (or bridging more than one) of the disciplinary areas. All authors of oral and poster presentations will have to supply abstracts, the deadline for which will be announced at a later date.

Proposals or questions regarding the Congress should be sent to: Dr. Joseph Greimler, Secretary General, XVII IBC 2005, Institute of Botany, University of Vienna, Rennweg 14, A-1030 Vienna, Austria; e-mail: office@ibc2005.ac.at; phone: +43-1-4277-54123; fax: +43-1-4277-9541.

Registration is open to any person interested in any field related to plant biology. Payment of the registration fee allows entrance to all sessions, exhibitions and receptions; it will also include receipt of all congress documents and abstract publications. Reduced fees will apply to students and to scientists from developing countries.

2005 Annual Meeting, American Genetic Association, June 18–19, 2005. “Plant Evolution: Genes and Phenotypes.” Key Lecturer: June Nasrallah

The 2005 meeting of the American Genetic Association will be hosted jointly with the 16th International Conference on *Arabidopsis* Research on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Topics will include evolution and development, population genetics, and quantitative genetics. Watch for details in future issues of the journal, on the AGA Web site (<http://www.theaga.org>), and at <http://www.union.wisc.edu/conferenceservices/arabidopsis/>.