

The Frontiers of Science and Technology in Crop Breeding and Production



Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Maize Research Institute, it is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the International Conference “*The Frontiers of Science and Technology in Crop Breeding and Production*”. The Conference, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of Maize Research Institute, Zemun Polje, will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, November 1-5, 2020.

Crop research today is more important than ever as scientists confront great challenges from climate changes to growing world population, for which efficient breeding strategies and new technologies are necessary. Since maize, wheat and soybean supply more than a half of all calories consumed around the world, it is of essential importance for global food security to increase yield, quality and stress tolerance of these crops.

The Conference focuses on aspects of genetic resources and prebreeding, crop/trait improvement, genomic breeding, bioinformatics, abiotic and biotic stress, cropping practices, seed science, food and nutrition as well as understanding tools to overcome obstacles and enable successful data analyses and management. The presentations should be aimed at the research of maize, small grains and soybean.

The principal goal of the Conference is to gather experts and researchers both from academia and industry to exchange their knowledge, experience and research innovations, to give answers to existing problems and raise new questions, to meet potential collaborators and maximise the Conference networking potential.

We look forward to seeing you in Belgrade!

On behalf of the Maize Research Institute



Dr. Nenad Delic
President of the Scientific Committee

RESEARCH TOPICS ON MAIZE, SMALL GRAINS AND SOYBEAN

I Genetic resources and prebreeding

II Genetics and breeding

III Abiotic and biotic stress

IV Crop production

V Food, feed and nutrition

VI Seed science

LANGUAGE

Official language of the Conference is English.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Dr. Aleksandar Bekrić

Land O'Lakes, USA

Dr. Alain Charcosset

Institute National de la Recherche
Agronomique, France

Dr. Thanda Dhliwayo

CIMMYT, Mexico

Dr. Goran Drinić

Corteva Agriscience, Hungary

Prof. Dr. Vural Gökmen

Hacettepe University Ankara, Turkey

Dr. Lee Hickey

The University of Queensland, Australia

Dr. Astrid Junker

Leibniz Institute for Plant Genetics and Crop
Plant Research (IPK) Gatersleben, Germany

Prof. Dr. Greg Kruger

University of Nebraska, USA

Dr. Antonio Logrieco

Institute of Sciences of Food Production of
National Research Council of Italy, Italy

Prof. Dr. Thomas Lübberstedt

Iowa State University, USA

Prof. Dr. Seth Murray

Texas A&M University, USA

Dr. Florina Palada

ISTA Head of Accreditation and Technical
Department, Switzerland

Dr. Dragan Perović

Julius Kuhn- Institute, Germany

Dr. Pedro Revilla

Spanish National Research Council, Spain

Dr. Milorad Rošulj

Corteva Agriscience, Hungary

Dr. Paul Scott

USDA-ARS, USA

Prof. Dr. Josef Soukup

Czech University of Life Science, Czech
Republic

Dr. Duška Stojšin

Bayer Crop Science, USA

Dr. Radomir Stojšin

Bayer Crop Science, USA

Dr. Aleksandra Sudarić

Agricultural Institute Osijek, Croatia

Prof. Dr. Johann Vollmann

BOKU - University of Natural Resources and
Life Sciences Vienna, Austria

Dr. Claude Welcker

INRA, France

REGISTRATION FEE

	Early bird (until July 15, 2020)	Regular (from July 16, 2020)	On site registration
Regular Participant	200 Eur	250 Eur	300 Eur
Accompanying person	100 Eur	100 Eur	100 Eur
Student	100 Eur	100 Eur	150 Eur

IMPORTANT DATES

The Organising Committee encourages all the Conference attendees to submit abstracts after **February 1, 2020**. The submitted abstracts will be revised by the Scientific Committee, and accepted ones will be published in the Conference Book of Abstracts.

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to determine whether a submission is accepted as an oral or poster presentation. Notification of abstract acceptance as oral or poster presentation will be forwarded until **June 30, 2020**.

The closing date for abstract submission is **June 1, 2020**.

The closing date for full papers submission is **September 30, 2020**.

VENUE

The Conference will take place in Belgrade, Hotel Falkensteiner
Bulevar Mihaila Pupina 10k, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia
<https://www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel-belgrade>

Information about the programme, accommodation, registration and instructions for abstracts, will be available on the Conference website: www.zpconference75.com after January 20, 2020.

Located at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube rivers and known as the Gate of the East and the Door to the West, Belgrade is a city of turbulent and rich history. Traces of past cultures are evident in the diversity and vibrancy that this city excels at and blends of old and modern. Today it is an exciting metropolis of 1.7 million inhabitants, which offers its guests a whole range of cultural events, museums, exhibitions... Explore Belgrade's culinary scene and exciting nightlife, go shopping or just soak up the atmosphere on its streets. Kalemegdan Fortress, live pedestrian zone Knez Mihailova Street, Bohemian Skadarlija Quarter, the Sava Temple, one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world are just some of Belgrade's attractions

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN BELGRADE