

8th International Symposium in the Series
RECENT ADVANCES IN PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY



NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN GREEN GENE TECHNOLOGY

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

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(Institute of Experimental Botany, Prague, Czech Republic)**



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Advisory Board and the Local Organizing Committee of the 8th International Symposium on “**New development in green gene technology**”, it is my privilege to invite you and your colleagues to attend this scientific event.

The present status of green gene technology in the Central European Region stimulates more active collaborative efforts to exploit the potentials of biotechnology in agriculture and bioindustry. The economic success in these fields is largely dependent on the science-generated new knowledge. The present symposium is focused on the use of gene technology in research to discover basic molecular events modeling plant growth, development and productivity. It is hoped that the new information will contribute to increase successes in plant breeding and bioindustry. Special attention will be devoted to GM plants and their role in competitive environment friend agriculture. The traditions in plant cell and tissue culture techniques in the Central European countries provide a unique opportunity for the development of the methodology of in vitro molecular farming.

The scientific success of this event will be guaranteed by the invitation of leading scientists as keynote speakers. The organizers want to provide stimulating conditions for young scientists to show their excellence in plant and agricultural sciences and research. We expect useful discussions following the presentations. The poster session is open for all the interested researchers, students where experimental details are shown and discussed. As in the past, this meeting offers an optimal environment for personal contacts and initiation of collaborative projects. The use of complementary expertises is a prerequisite for successes in joint grant applications.

We expect post summer weather in Szeged with lot of sunshine. The suggested social events provide new dimensions for establishing personal friendships. Please, do not hesitate and join us in early September for an outstanding scientific meeting.

Dénes Dudits
Chairman

General information

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Symposium Venue

The symposium will be held in the central building of the Biological Research Center, HAS

(Address: Temesvári körút 62. H-6726 Szeged, Hungary)

<http://www.brc.hu>

Official Language

The official language of the symposium is English.

Symposium Fees

	<u>before 1 May, 2009</u>	<u>after 1 May, 2009</u>
Regular	EUR 270	EUR 320
Accompanying persons	EUR 150	EUR 200
Students*	EUR 120	EUR 150

*Please send an official certificate signed by the director of the School of studies (in pdf format) to info@prof-congress.hu

General information

The registration fee includes all symposium documents, symposium proceedings, 3 lunches, coffee and tea during breaks, welcome reception (1 September), sightseeing (3 September, afternoon), symposium dinner (3 September evening).

The fee for accompanying persons will cover all social events and the excursion. The symposium fee does not include travel, accommodation, and the health insurance.

Grants

A limited number of grants for young scientists will be provided on the basis of a competition. The grants will cover only the conference fee. The grant requesters must send a structured curriculum vitae and the complete paper to be presented at the symposium to Symposium Secretary (e-mail: dudits@brc.hu) no later than **1 April, 2009**. The basic criteria for grant ranking is the quality of the paper and less than 35 years of age. Selected applicants will be informed by **30 April, 2009**.

Call for Presentation

All participants of the Symposium are invited to submit abstracts of scientific study to be considered for oral or poster presentation. Registration deadline for all presenting authors is 1 May, 2009. All abstracts must be submitted electronically through the Symposium website.

Registration

All participants are requested to register by filling in and submitting the online forms via website of the Symposium. **Early registration deadline: 1 May, 2009**

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The symposium programme includes invited keynote lectures (40 min.) and oral (20 min), as well as poster presentations (this timing includes the discussion). Selection of oral presentations will be made by the international advisory board on the basis of the submitted abstracts. The programme consists of six topics, each introduced by invited speaker:

- 1. Gene isolation strategies in the genomic era**
- 2. In vitro culture systems: plant propagation**
- 3. Gene technology to improve biotic and abiotic stress tolerance of crop plants**
- 4. Transgenic plants for sustainable plant production: yield and bioenergy**
- 5. Plant-based biotechnologies to support human health**
- 6. Transgenes in environmentally friend agriculture, biosafety**

Abstract book

Symposium proceedings will be distributed at the registration desk at the beginning of the symposium comprising abstracts of keynote lectures (up to 2 pages) and abstracts of all presentations (strictly up to 1 page).

Letter of Invitation

The Organizing Committee will be pleased to send a formal letter of invitation to any participant on request. It is understood that such an invitation is intend to help potential participants to raise travel funds or to obtain visa. Such a letter does not commit the Organizers to cover any expenses of the participants.

The Organizing Committee recommends to use the existing bilateral academical and/or cultural agreements among countries to get financial support for scientific exchange visit/participation on the symposium. Please contact responsible authorities in your country.

General information

Accommodation

In the city of Szeged the following hotels are available for the symposium participants:

Hotel Accor-Novotel**** Szeged

Hotel Tisza Sport*** Szeged

The participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservation via website of the Symposium (<http://prof-congress.hu/2009/biotech-8>)

Social Events

Welcome reception (1 September 7.00 pm): takes place in the central building of BRC.

Conference dinner (3 September 7.00 pm): organized in downtown Szeged.

Travel Information

Planes arrive at Ferihegy Airport, Budapest (25 km from the centre). There is a service for minibuses to the city centre (Erzsébet tér=Elisabeth Square or Deák tér=Deak Square), to the Western Railway Station (Nyugati Pályaudvar) for HUF 3.000 (about EUR 12). Trains to Szeged leave from the Nyugati Pályaudvar (Western Railway Station). The railway station is easily accessible by metro (underground/blue line, #3). The train transportation from Budapest Nyugati railway station to Szeged is available once in an hour.

If you wish to come **by train** to Szeged we recommend you to use an InterCity (IC) train. (Note! Compulsory seat reservation) One way IC train ticket costs HUF 3.800-4.500 (EUR 15-18). The travelling time is 2.5 hours. Please check the timetable carefully; in general there are no trains to Szeged after 20:53. Again, you may find the timetable linked to our web site.

Szeged can be reached easily **by car** from Budapest via Kecskemét using the **M5/E75 motorway** (toll HUF 1.700 / EUR 7). Exit: Szeged-észak / 159 km.

Coach Transfer

The organisers will provide coach transfer from the Budapest Ferihegy Airport to Szeged on 1 September, 2009 (Tuesday) afternoon and back to Budapest on 4 September, 2009 (Friday) afternoon. A meeting point will be available at the Airport in the main lobby of Ferihegy 2B terminal (Arrivals). Transport tickets cost EUR 25 / one way.(Booking: see the website)

Insurance

The fees (registration, accommodation, etc.) do not include any kind of insurance. Participants are responsible for their own insurance. The Organizing Committee accepts no liability for injuries/losses of whatever nature incurred by participants and/or accompanying persons. Health, baggage or accident insurance is recommended and must be made in your home country.

Cancellation and Refund

Cancellation of participation must be sent in written form to the Organizing Office (Congress & Hobby Service POB. 1022. H-6701 Szeged, Hungary, Fax: +36-62-450-014 e-mail: info@prof-congress.hu) **before 15 July, 2009** for a full refund, except EUR 50 of handling fee. No refunds are available after 15 July, 2009.