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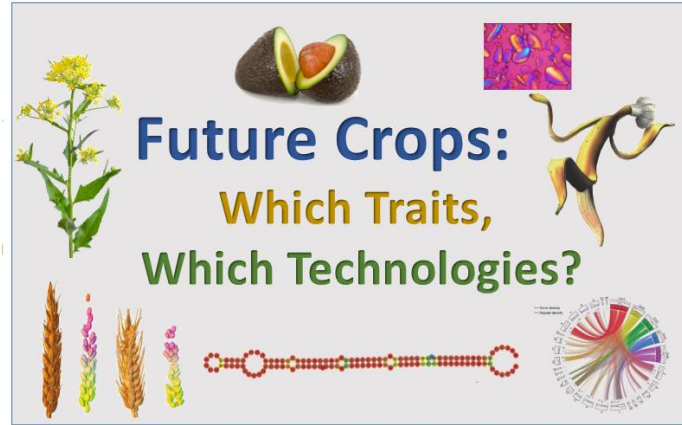
John Doonan,
Aber University, UK
Marc Bots,
Bayer CropScience, BE
Bruno Pollet,
BASF CropDesign, BE
Wim Verbeke,
Ugent, BE
Silvio Salvi,
Università di Bologna, IT
Marcel Prins,
KeyGene; UvA, NL
Sebastien Carpentier,
KULeuven, BE
Jan Verhaert,
Monsanto, BE

Deadline for abstract submission:
October 30th, 2015

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9th Symposium of the Belgian Plant Biotechnology Association



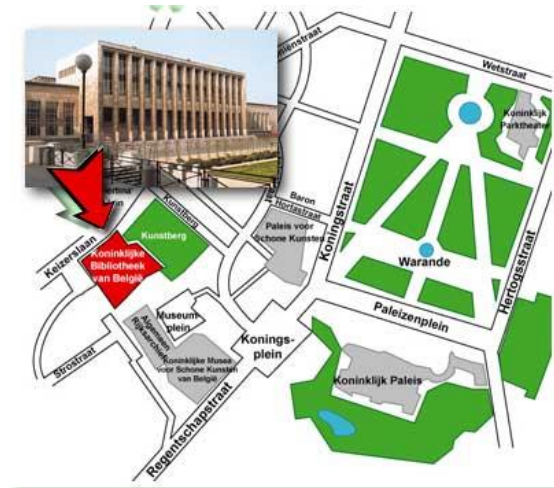
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Scientific Program

08.45 Registration

09.30 Opening

09.40 Silvio Salvi: "Describing and exploiting crops QTLomes"

10.15 Jan Verhaert: "BioDirect Technology for Biocontrol"

10.50 Wim Verbeke: "Consumer/Public Interests in Quality Traits and Acceptance of Agro-Food Technologies"

11.25 John Doonan: "Image based phenotyping of cereals at the UK National Plant Phenomics Centre"

12.00 - 13.30: Lunch & poster session

13.30 Sebastien Carpentier: "The quest for tolerant varieties: integration of -omics techniques to understand stress and identify variety specific alleles"

13.50 Marcel Prins: "Bringing technology to the trait; perspectives on crop innovation"

14.25 Marc Bots: "Integrated Approaches to Improve Wheat Yield"

15.00 Coffee break

15.20 Bruno Pollet: "From high-throughput gene discovery in TraitMill to innovative deep phenotyping research"

15.55 final discussion/forum

16.30 Closure and drink

Registration and Abstract submission

Interested participants are invited to register at the website www.bpba.be

If you intend to present a poster please upload a 1 page abstract on the website. Abstracts in the field of plant biotechnology, plant tissue culture and plant breeding are welcome.

Registration fee: 30 € (15 € for students). This includes participation in the scientific program, lunch and coffee-breaks. Payment on desk, Registration also includes membership of the BPBA.

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Future Crops: Which Traits, Which Technologies?

The toolbox to modulate traits in crops is expanding rapidly including non-GMO and GMO based technology. The question is whether these technologies are suitable to tackle all kinds of traits. Yield has been by far the most important trait for most crops, yet new insight in the molecular biology of plants and innovative technology may offer certain advantages to address new kinds of traits that were not possible before. Also, the public acceptance of new products comes more in to play. Should breeders focus on traits with benefits for the producers, the environment or the consumer? The topic of the 9th BPBA meeting is to bring case studies of rational decisions on trait selection and the implementation of new technological advancements to achieve the set goals..

