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NAPB Website

We are excited to announce that the newly redesigned NAPB website is now live! Please visit us at: <https://www.plantbreeding.org/>

Registration is Now Open!

Registration for the 2015 Annual Meeting is now open! More information can be found at: <https://www.plantbreeding.org/annual-meeting-2015>

NAPB/PBCC 2015 Annual Meeting

NAPB/PBCC ANNUAL MEETING 27-30 July 2015, WSU Pullman, WA

“Identifying and utilizing genetic diversity”

Pre-conference field tour

Monday 27 July

Join us for an opportunity to tour the National Plant Germplasm Site (NPGS) at Central Ferry and meet with PNW NPGS representatives before heading to WSU-Prosser to visit local breeding programs: for apple scion, cherry scion and rootstock, alfalfa, dry bean, hop and potato, as well as affiliated programs such as the National Clean Plant Center, AgWeatherNet, and the Center for Precision & Automated Agricultural Systems. Participants will travel by bus from Pullman. Breakfast, lunch and refreshments provided.

Pre-tour fee: Students \$25, Professionals \$50

Conference fees:

Students \$125, Professionals \$500

Late registration penalty (after 1 June) – Students \$50, Professionals \$100

Conference schedule

The 2015 NAPB/PBCC conference will feature a keynote speech by Rex Bernardo (University of Minnesota), sessions focusing on ‘Exploiting genetic resources in public and private breeding programs’, ‘Plant breeding organization, policy, and funding’ and workshops on ‘Breeding for consumer product quality: successes and failures’ and ‘Diverse skills needed for a diverse plant breeding workforce’.

Graduate student mini-presentations, abstract competition winner presentations, and poster sessions will be a major feature of the program as in previous years. The conference includes a field trip to local WSU & ARS sites with breeding-related activities.

Social activities will include a Graduate student-led mixer with informal dinner featuring regional, identity-preserved products and live music as well as a banquet and awards night.

NAPB 2015 Call for Award Nominations

The National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) is pleased to announce availability of three professional awards. Awardees will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on July 27-30 at Washington State University campus in Pullman, WA. Annual Meeting information can be found at <http://www.plantbreeding.org/annual-meeting-2015>

EARLY CAREER AWARD - Recognizes a young public or private sector scientist who is active in the plant breeding field. Applicants should exhibit the ability to establish strong research foundations (experimental techniques, novel ideas, publications, etc.), to interact with multidisciplinary teams, and to participate in professional societies relevant to their discipline. The nominee must have obtained their Ph.D. after December 31, 2005.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Recognizes an individual who has given distinguished long-term service to the plant breeding discipline in areas such as breeding/genetics research and publication, education (graduate or undergraduate training), extension outreach, and regional, national, and/or international leadership.

PLANT BREEDING IMPACT AWARD - Recognizes an individual who has made significant advancements in the field of plant breeding, specifically in the area of applied variety and/or technology development. Public or private plant breeders whose improved germplasm or technological contributions have had a measurable impact on crop production are eligible to receive this award.

Nomination procedures and entry forms containing more detail are included with this announcement and on our website <http://www.plantbreeding.org/awards>. These awards are not based on the nature of employment (public, private, etc.) and the nominee does not have to be a member of the NAPB.

Award recipients will be recognized at the NAPB annual meeting the year of the award, where they will receive a plaque and cash award (if applicable). Furthermore, the awardees will be announced on the NAPB web site. In addition, awardees will be provided a reimbursed trip to the NAPB annual meeting the following year, where they will be expected to give a presentation.

Nominations are currently being accepted for 2015 and **the final deadline is May 17, 2015 (11:59 pm Central time)**. In addition, nomination packages that were submitted but not awarded will be considered for two subsequent years, provided that nominees remain eligible for the specific award category (Early Career Award nominees must be within specified dates of PhD). Nominators are encouraged to resubmit such nomination packages; letters of support can be used for up to three years. For inquiries, questions and submissions, please contact the Awards Panel Chairperson, Rita Mumm, 217-244-9497, ritamumm@illinois.edu. **Nomination packages can be submitted to Rita Mumm in pdf format through email.**

Note: Graduate student awards for presentations and posters will be organized and issued through the NAPB Education Subcommittee.

Join NAPB TODAY!

Would you like to join and support the National Association of Plant Breeders? To join, please go to <http://www.plantbreeding.org/napb/index.htm>, scroll down to “How to join/ Information for new member” and follow the links. Remember that you DO NOT have to be a member of any other professional organization to join NAPB. The tri-societies, ASA-CSSA-SSSA, are handling our membership database and email list server under contract to NAPB.

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