65th Annual Maize Genetics Meeting

Union Station, St. Louis, MO, USA; March 16th-19th, 2023

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We cordially invite you to attend the 2023 Maize Genetics Meeting at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, beginning with the evening meal on Thursday, March 16th and continuing until 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 19th, 2022. Workshops are also anticipated during the afternoon of Thursday, March 16th. This year's meeting will feature four plenary speakers: Dr. Ralph Bock (Max Planck Institute), Dr. Candice Hirsch (University of Minnesota), Dr. Damon Lisch (Purdue University) and Dr. Seung Yon (Sue) Rhee (Carnegie Institution for Science), and the 2023 Fostering Diversity in the Maize Community Speaker, Dr. Maria Elena Zavala (California State University, Northridge) and the 2023 McClintock Prize awardee Dr. Virginia Walbot (Stanford University). Further details about the program, registration, lodging, abstracts, and transportation are available at the **conference website: https://www.maizegdb.org/mgc/maizemeeting/2023/.** This website will be updated regularly.

**New this year:* Short talks and invited talks (plenaries, fostering diversity, McClintock address) will be recorded at the in-person meeting and all will be made available within two weeks after the meeting to both attendees of the in-person event and those registering for access to recordings alone. Recordings will be password protected and available for six months. Following this six-month period, speakers opting-in will have their talk recordings posted in a public archive to be hosted at MaizeGDB.

Become an MGC member today to save on registration fees!

REGISTRATION and LODGING deadlines are January 27th, 2023. There are two separate registration procedures, one for the conference and one for lodging.

1. *Conference Registration*
Register online using the Registration link on the Maize Genetics Meeting (MGM) website by

January 27th, 2023. The registration fee includes meals (March 16th dinner through March 19th breakfast), refreshment breaks, and other fees to cover the cost of running the conference. We strongly encourage attendees to register in advance of the conference, even after the January 27th deadline, as pre-registration allows us to compile a list of attendees with their affiliations and pre-print nametags. Conference registration is handled through a SquareSpace site and any questions regarding registration may be directed to our conference manager, Tricia Simmons (maizegcevents@gmail.com).

2. *Lodging Reservation*

To reserve lodging at the conference venue, the St. Louis Union Station, submit your reservation by January 27th, 2023, through the Hotel Reservation link at the MGM website. If you need to locate a roommate, do so **before** submitting your lodging registration. Note that only one person per room needs to provide a credit card number for a reservation, although multiple credit cards can be used at check-in.

TALK & POSTER ABSTRACT deadline is January 27th, 2023.

In addition to the plenary, fostering diversity, and McClintock speakers, the program will include 33 short talks (15 minutes each) selected from submitted abstracts, ~20 lightning talks (2 minutes each, 1 slide), and extended poster sessions. All abstracts must be submitted electronically by the January 27th, 2023 deadline via the Abstract Form on the MGM website. Abstract submission is separate from the meeting registration and lodging reservation procedures.

Please indicate on the abstract form whether you wish to present a poster or be considered for a short talk. Do not check both options. Those presenting a poster have the additional option to be considered for a lightning talk. Due to time constraints, some authors who request short talks may be asked to present their data in poster format instead. Authors of abstracts will be notified of format decisions by email by February 17th, 2023. Poster presenters will be notified by February 24th, 2023 if their abstract has been selected for a lightning talk. By submitting your abstract for short-talk consideration, you are consenting to your presentation being recorded and made available to in-person attendees and those who register for recording access. Recordings will be accessed through a password-protected site for six months after the meeting. Following this six-month period, you will have the option to opt-in to including this recording in a public talk archive that will be hosted on MaizeGDB.

Each poster space is 45 inches wide x 40 inches high – your poster must fit within this space. Authors must bring their own tacks for hanging the poster. Poster boards will be provided.

**All presenters are expected to attend the in-person meeting to present their work.

CONTEST TO DESIGN LOGO FOR ABSTRACT BOOK & T-SHIRT:

A logo for the cover of the abstract book and conference t-shirt will be selected from designs submitted by cooperators. Please submit original artwork via the ABSTRACT page on the MGM website, by January 27th, 2023.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:

The steering committee is soliciting federal grants and industry donations to help defray meeting costs for graduate students and for those undergraduates who are the first and presenting author of a poster or talk. If the student is eligible for financial aid and fundraising efforts are as successful as in previous years, then the hotel room will be paid for upon check out. To apply, a student must:

1. Make reservations at the St Louis Union Station via the hotel reservation link on the meeting website (your credit card will not be charged until checkout from the hotel).
2. Complete an application requesting support at https://forms.gle/uJFVgKJ8Q9cYUJqn7.

Applications for student support must be received by January 27th, 2023.

FUTURE MAIZE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meeting announcements are sent only by email. To ensure you receive future announcements, please make sure to join the Maize Genetics Cooperation as a member today!

We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

Matthew Hufford, 2023 Maize Genetics Meeting Chair
On behalf of the 2023 MGM Steering Committee