

Maximum number of participants

The conference venue does not allow more than 120 participants. So please register in time!

Registration

For participation, please register by following the online procedure: see www.eco-pb.org.

Students

MSc and PhD students interested or working in the field of breeding and organic agriculture are most welcome to participate.

Conference Fee

	Before Aug. 20 th 2011	After 20 th Aug. 2011
ECO-PB members	€ 90	€ 120
Non ECO-PB Members	€ 120	€ 150
Students	€ 60	€ 80

Conference Fee includes: Coffee/tea in breaks, one dinner and an abstract book.

Not included: Travel and accommodation costs

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European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding 10 year's Anniversary Conference

Organic Plant Breeding: What makes the difference?

Frankfurt am Main, 3 – 4 November 2011



Introduction

The European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding (ECO-PB) founded in 2001 is now in its 10th year – worth to celebrate this with a conference to reflect on the achievements and challenges of Organic Plant Breeding.

A diversity of organic breeding programs has emerged and several cultivars specifically bred for organic and low-input agriculture in Europe are on the market. Cultivars adapted to organic farming systems contribute to the realisation of a low-input external management with emphasis on long-term soil fertility, active soil micro-organisms and optimal farm system resilience. To achieve such cultivars many new concepts have been applied in research and practical breeding, such as broad disease resistance, exploiting genetic diversity in the cultivar concept, improved weed suppression, root systems interaction with beneficial soil micro-organisms, and more experimental approaches. But what makes the difference in organic plant breeding? Is it merely a matter of adding neglected traits to a breeding program? What can be achieved by selecting under organic growing conditions? And to what extent can organic values be linked to future perspectives by considering plants as partners in evolution?



Topic areas

The call for abstracts will focus on topics related to the diversity of organic breeding:

- new concepts and breeding strategies
- successful application of practical breeding methods
- establishment of new breeding initiatives

Call for abstracts

For oral presentations and posters, please send a one page abstract (max. 500 words) before June, 15th 2011. Please submit your abstract through the online procedure, see www.eco-pb.org. Abstracts will only be finally accepted after registration.

Abstract book

The proceedings will be in the form of an abstract book with 1 page abstracts of the presentations and posters. This will be handed over to the participants at the start of the conference. After the conference it will be available as a free downloadable pdf file on the ECO-PB website.



Location/Time

The conference venue is the Oekohaus in Frankfurt, on walking distance of the West Bahnhof railway station.

The conference will run from Thursday 3rd November, 1 pm till Friday 4th November, 1 pm.

Conference Programme Committee

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Important dates

- Deadline abstract submission: 15th June;
- Preliminary Program published by 15th August;
- Deadline for early registration fee: 20th August 2011.