

AGENDA

Plant Innovation Workshop

Ramada Trimontium Hotel Plovdiv, 28 – 30 September 2017

Day 1 Thursday, September 28, 2017

- 16:00 – 18:00 Arrival and registration
18:00 – 20:00 Welcome reception

Day 2 Friday, September 29, 2017

Hall “Trakia”

- 8:00 - 9:30 Registration of participants
- 9:30 - 9:50 Welcome address. Plovdiv: science and business opportunities – **Mr. Stefan Stoyanov**, Deputy Mayor “Education, business development, European policies and international cooperation”
- 9:50 – 10:00 **Guenoveva Jecheva**, Ministry of Education and Science, Bulgaria.
- 10:00 – 10:30 Plant-INNO project overview and presentation of the Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB), Plovdiv, Bulgaria –**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsanko Gechev**, Director of the Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB), and Plant-INNO partner.
- 10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break
- 10:50 – 11:10 Bulgarian research landscape; where do we stand, where do we go? - **Associate Prof. Dr. Milen Georgiev**, Institute of Microbiology, laboratory of Applied Biotechnology (IMicB), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- 11:10 – 11:35 Presentation of the University of Potsdam (UP), Potsdam, Germany – **Prof. Dr. Bernd Mueller-Roeber**, Coordinator of Plant-INNO.
- 11:35 – 12:00 Presentation of the German research landscape and Science Park Potsdam-Golm – **Dr. Saleh Alseekh**, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology (MPG) Potsdam-Golm.

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 Age as the main determinant of the plant stress-response – **Prof. Dr. Paul Dijkwel**, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand

14:30 – 15:00 The biostimulant SuperFifty® protects from oxidative and abiotic stresses - **Dr. Sujeeth Neerakkal**, BioAtlantis Ltd., Tralee, Kerry, Ireland

15:00 – 15:30 OP "Innovations and competitiveness" 2014-2020: Triggering science and research potential of the Bulgarian business – **Kalin Marinov**, Deputy Director Directorate General European Funds for Competitiveness, Ministry of Economy

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Plant systems biology and biotechnology in Plovdiv and Potsdam - Round table with representatives of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Economy and Energy, universities, research institutes, and companies from Plovdiv and Potsdam

18:30 Dinner

Day 3 Saturday, September 30, 2017

Hall "Trakia"

9:00 – 9:30 Overexpression of *ATR7* homologues from vegetable crops negate the ROS tolerant phenotype of the Arabidopsis *atr7*-mutant – **Lorena Romero Prada**, Enza Zaden, Enkhuizen, The Netherlands

9:30 – 10:30 An overview of research status in Pakistan: From plant perspective – **Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kamran Qureshi**, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation of selected CPSBB partner institutions, biotechnological and breeding companies.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Cooperation between CPSBB, Bulgarian, and German research entities and industry partners. Recapitulation of the workshop and future plans.

12:00 Closing remarks of the Plant Innovation Workshop