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ComBio2016 – Reminder extended early registration deadline is 1 August

31 July 2016

Dear ASPS / ANZSCDB Past and Present Members

ComBio2016: 3 – 7 October 2016 – Brisbane Convention Centre
ComBio2016 is a combined conference of the ASBMB, ASPS and ANZSCDB

A reminder that the extension of the early registration deadline finishes on Monday, 1 August.

The deadline for late poster abstracts is Monday, 15 August (details will be published in the conference program, online and conference App but will be included in "Late Posters" and will not be programmed within themes. So – you can still register on Monday, 1 August (so you pay the early rate) and then submit your abstract by the 15 August deadline for your poster presentation to be published in the program, online and in the conference App. After 15 August, you can still register and submit a poster abstract up until Monday, 26 September but it will be an "On Site" poster presentation – so details will appear on the Program Revisions board and not be published in conference publications.

The program timetable can be downloaded from:
http://www.asbmb.org.au/combio2016/timetable.html
and the symposium program from http://www.asbmb.org.au/combio2016/symposia.html
The photographs and bio-sketches of the exciting list of overseas and society plenary lecturers can be downloaded from:
http://www.asbmb.org.au/combio2016/plenary.html

Further Information:
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Global Plant Council is running a lunchtime session at ComBio 2016

26 July 2016

Do not miss "Addressing Global Challenges in Plant Science: the importance of co-operation beyond national boundaries" by @GlobalPlantGPC
@ #combio2016 https://www.asbmb.org.au/.../ComBio2016%20-%20Provisional%20S...

Invitation to support petition by Nobel Laureates

17 July 2016

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Dear ASPS members,

I would like to encourage you to add your support to this petition by Nobel Laureates.

Thanks

John Evans, President ASPS

You may have seen the recent news that 110 Nobel laureates have written an open letter to the environmental organization Greenpeace, asking them to consider withdrawing their anti-GMO position, particularly against vitamin A-biofortified Golden Rice.

Professor Channa Prakash of Tuskagee University (USA) has established an online petition to allow scientists and other interested individuals to show their support for this issue. Several representatives of some of the Global Plant Council's Member Organizations have asked us to circulate the link to this petition, therefore please find it here: http://supportprecisionagriculture.org/join-us_rjr.html.

With thanks and kind regards,

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ComBio 2015- ASPS Travel Award Recipient Report

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By

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The ASPS travel award gave me the opportunity to present my research involving carbon accumulation and partitioning in the legume species *Vicia faba* (faba bean) at ComBio 2015. Legumes are vitally important for human nutrition and agricultural practices. As we face global population increases and the effects of climate change become evermore apparent, it is crucial to focus on improving legume tolerance to environmental stress. Plants rely on changes in metabolism and carbon allocation to adapt to and tolerate their changing environment. Understanding these responses on a physiological, chemical and molecular basis is crucial for developing improved breeding strategies. Being able to discuss my project provided me the opportunity to hone my presentation skills as well as share my research with the ComBio community. The diverse range and high quality of plant science research covered throughout ComBio2015 meant that every lecture and symposium was both unique and interesting. Overall, it was a great experience that broadened my view on all the research being done in Australia as well as in the international plant science community.

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