

St. Pölten, September 2021

72nd Plant Breeders Conference in Austria

November 22-24, 2021

Call for papers

Plant breeding innovations contributed significantly to yield growth and arable production in the EU in the past two decades. Thereby, markets were stabilized, price volatility reduced and the EU agricultural net trade balance improved. Besides positive economic and social effects, plant breeding has also substantial environmental impacts. In view of the EU's "Farm to fork" and "Biodiversity" strategies within the European Green Deal, plant breeding is in particular challenged to compensate effects of an expected production decline due to significant reductions in the use of pesticides and fertilizers.

Herewith we invite you to submit your contribution for the 72nd Conference of Saatgut Austria, which will be held from 22nd to 24th November 2021 under the motto

Plant breeding for the "Green Deal"

The forthcoming conference will be co-hosted by **ECOBREED**: Increasing the efficiency and competitiveness of organic crop breeding (ecobreed.eu) and **WheatSustain** (SusCrop-ERA-NET Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production), two European projects which will also present results from their ongoing research.

Please submit your title until latest 12th October 2021, either online ([Online-Submission of an oral contribution \(saatgut-austria.at\)](https://www.saatgut-austria.at)).

or by e-mail to office@saatgut-austria.at or heinrich.grausgruber@boku.ac.at

The official conference language is English. Usually oral presentations are limited to 15 – 25 minutes. Keynote lectures can be longer.

You will be informed by the organizers immediately after the deadline for submission of contributions, whether your contribution is accepted as oral presentation or as poster. We kindly request your understanding if your presentation will be accepted as poster because of time constraints.

For posters we recommend the size DIN-A0.

The conference fee is € 110.- for participants; € 90.- for members of *Saatgut-Austria*; and € 70.- for students (with a valid certificate only). The fee covers participation in the conference, coffee breaks, all documents (including proceedings) and the buffet at the conference dinner (drinks are at your own expense). For speakers we waive the conference fee.

We pay attention to your health and implement Austrian laws on COVID-19. Only people who have either been vaccinated, recovered or currently tested are allowed to participate in the conference. If the rules will change, we will inform all registered participants.

For participants travelling by train, a shuttle service from the station to the accommodation will be provided at your own cost.

Final registration for participation is possible with a separate registration form or online at www.saatgut-austria.at .

For the Organizing Committee

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