

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Plant Breeders Meeting 2026

23./24. November 2026

RWA Raiffeisen Ware Austria,

Raiffeisenstraße 1, 2100 Korneuburg, Austria

Day 1 Plant Breeding and Patents

**Day 2 Genetic Engineering for the Future:
Call for Presentations**

Call for presentations

We invite you to submit your contribution for the Plant Breeders Meeting 2026 of Saatgut Austria, which will be held on 24th November 2026 under the motto „Genetic engineering for the future“ and accompanies the workshop and panel discussion „Plant Breeding and Patents“ held the day before on 23rd November (Attention: Language on Day 1 is German).

We welcome contributions devoted to advanced genomic tools such as high-throughput sequencing, precise gene editing, GWAS pipelines, multi-omics integration, bioinformatics and AI analysis tools, etc. Moreover, we cordially invite you to submit also „free topic“ contributions related to recent research findings, which are of value to disseminate to the plant breeding community.

Please submit your preliminary title until September 25, 2026, [online](#).

Programm

Montag, 23. November 2026

Begrüßung & Keynotes

12:00– 14:00 Eintreffen und Netzwerken

14:00 – 14:05 Begrüßung durch Veranstalter

14:05 – 14:15 Grußworte Stephan Pernkopf, Landeshauptfrau-Stv. Niederösterreich

14:15 – 15:00 Neue Genomische Techniken, Hermann Bürstmayr, BOKU University

15:00 – 15:45 Patente auf Pflanzen, Steffen Kawelke, Bund Deutscher Pflanzenzüchter

15:45 – 16:15 Kaffeepause

Auswirkungen von Patenten

auf mit neuen genomischen Techniken erzeugte Pflanzen

16:15 – 16:25 Claudia Hallebach, Euroseeds Intellectual Property Committee

16:25 – 16:35 Michael Kock, Dr. Kock Consulting, Europäischer Patentanwalt

16:35 – 16:45 Martin Quanz, Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH

16:45 – 18:00 Podiumsdiskussion mit Kawelke, Hallebach, Kock, Quanz

ab 19:00 „Science meets politics“: *Joint Dinner* bei gemütlichem Heurigen

(Shuttle: 18:45 Uhr vor Veranstaltungsort)

Das gemeinsame Abendessen ist der alljährliche Fixpunkt der Veranstaltung. 2026 soll er die Expertinnen und Experten von Tag 1 und 2 zusammenbringen und einen Austausch zwischen Landwirtschaft, Politik, Behörden und Forschung ermöglichen. Wir freuen uns, wenn alle dabei sind!

The joint dinner is the event's annual highlight. In 2026, it will bring together the experts from Days 1 and 2 and facilitate dialogue between the agricultural sector, politics, public authorities, and the research community. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Programme will follow once submissions are completed.

Conference venue

Korneuburg can be easily reached from Vienna by public transport or car. Regional trains depart from Wien Praterstern (interchange to Vienna metro lines U1 and U2), Wien Handelskai (interchange to train line S45) and Wien Floridsdorf (interchange to Vienna metro line U6). See <https://www.oebb.at/en/> for timetables, routes and tickets or the ÖBB App on your mobile. Alternatively, you may use <https://anachb.vor.at/> (or the respective App). From the railway station the conference venue can be reached by 10 min walk. By car, the conference venue can be reached via the motorway A22 (exit Korneuburg-Ost).

Accommodations

Affordable rooms near the conference venue are available at the Oekotel Korneuburg Wien Nord I (https://www.oekotel.com/?page_id=72) or the Hotel zur Sonne (<http://www.hotelzursonne.at/>) in the city centre. Participants coming by car may alternatively choose accommodations in the surroundings (check locations and availabilities via usual booking platforms). Plenty of accommodations with excellent public transport connection to the conference venue may be booked in Vienna.

Conference language

The official language for the scientific conference on 24th November is English, while the keynote lectures and the round-table discussion on 23rd November will be given in German.

Conference fee

Members of the Austrian Seed Association:	100.- Euro
Non-members:	120.- Euro
Students (pre doc, with valid certificate):	70.- Euro
Speakers:	no fee

Tourist information

An important emporium for salt, wine and cereals since the Middle Ages, Korneuburg is famous for its main square with the town hall in Neo-Gothic style and the city tower from the 15th century. In 1943, the „Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut für Kulturpflanzenforschung“ was established nearby on the Tutenhof under director Hans Stubbe; the institute which was later transferred to Gatersleben is now known as the IPK.

For the Organizing Committee

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