### Keynote Forum

**09:00-09:10**  
Introduction

**09:10-09:40**  
Title: Rapid development of a castor cultivar with increased oil content  
Grace Chen, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA

Title: Natural products from Brazilian biodiversity, a source of new templates for medicinal chemistry  
Vanderlan da S. Bolzani, Sao Paulo State University, Brazil

**09:40-10:10**  
Title: Introduction  
Grace Chen, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA

**10:10-10:40**  
Title: Plant phenolics: New remedies for old disease  
Djebar Atmani, University of Bejaia, Algeria

### Group Photo 10:40-10:50

Network & Refreshment Break 10:50-11:05 @ Foyer

**Sessions:** Plant Science and Natural Products | Plant Physiology and Biochemistry | Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Sciences | Arabidopsis | Seed Science and Technology | Photosynthesis

**Session Chair:** Grace Chen, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA

**Session Co-chair:** Petronia Carillo, University of Campania, Italy

#### Session Introduction

**11:05-11:30**  
Title: Enhancing NGS performance through improvements in template preparation procedure  
Caroline Janitz, Western Sydney University, Australia

**11:30-11:55**  
Title: Physiological impacts on coffee plants submitted to water deficiency  
Fernando Broetto, Sao Paulo State University, Brazil

**11:55-12:20**  
Title: What is the best possible response of plants to combined stresses? Indeed the simplest one  
Petronia Carillo, University of Campania, Italy

### Workshop on

**12:20-13:00**  
Title: Next-Generation sequencing—basics & applications: Tools and technologies  
Caroline Janitz, Western Sydney University, Australia

#### Lunch Break: 13:00-14:00 @ Hotel Restaurant

**14:00-14:25**  
Title: Polyamines and flavonoids of bee pollen with anti-tyrosinase and antioxidant activity  
Mi Kyeong Lee, Chungbuk National University, South Korea

**14:25-14:50**  
Title: Cytotoxic, antidiabetic and anti-inflammatory activities of selected Algerian medicinal plants: From traditional use to scientific validation  
Djebar Atmani, University of Bejaia, Algeria

**14:50-15:15**  
Title: Anti-ulcer activities of a local plant from Algeria, *Clematis flammul*  
Dina Atmani-Kilani, University of Bejaia, Algeria

**15:15-15:40**  
Title: Breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*) gibberellin metabolic genes: Stem elongation and abiotic stress response  
Yuchan Zhou, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia

Network & Refreshment Break 15:40-16:00 @ Foyer
Panel Discussion
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Title: Inferring salt and water distribution in an irrigated crop field using electromagnetic induction techniques
Leon D van Rensburg, University of the Free State, South Africa
Title: Production of marker-free transgenic tomato and apple plants using inducible site-specific recombinase and a bifunctional selectable gene
Sergey Dolgov, Nikita Botanical Gardens, Russia

Workshop on Salt Management of Irrigated Soils
Leon D van Rensburg, University of the Free State, South Africa

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Session Chair: Vanderlan da S. Bolzani, Sao Paulo State University, Brazil
Session Co-chair: Minkyun Kim, Seoul National University, South Korea

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Title: Effects of acute ozone exposure on the release of stress volatiles, and the expression of a monoterpene synthase gene in Nicotiana tabacum leaves through recovery
Arooran Kanagendran, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Estonia
Title: Study of the mechanisms underlying tomato innate immunity mediated by two Bwrl2 genes
Chiu-Ping Cheng, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

11:25-11:50
Title: Indole-3-butyric acid promotes adventitious rooting in Arabidopsis thin cell layers
Federica Della Rovere, University of Rome, Italy
Title: Complementary interaction of two starch biosynthesis genes confers a mild sugary endosperm in rice
Hee-Jong Koh, Seoul National University, South Korea

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Title: Regulation of floral terpenoid emission and biosynthesis in sweet basil (Ocimum basilicum)
Jiayan Ye, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Estonia

12:15-12:40

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Lunch Break 13:05-14:05 @ Restaurant

Poster Presentations 14:05-14:35 @ Foyer

Poster Judge: Vanderlan da S. Bolzani, Sao Paulo State University, Brazil
Title: Influence of plant height on chrysanthemum transformed with SHI (Short Internodes related genes)
EunJung Suh, National Institute of Agricultural Science, South Korea
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**Title:** Arabidopsis root formation is altered by cadmium and arsenic  
Laura Fattorini, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

**Title:** Genetic engineering of PPV resistance in plum rootstock ‘Elita’ ((*Prunus* *pumila* L. × *P. salicina* Lindl.) × (*P. cerasifera* Ehrh.))  
Sergey Dolgov, Nikita Botanical Gardens, Russia

**Title:** Determination of polyphenol composition in *Hevea brasiliensis* and rubber-processing effluent via spectrophotometry and spectroscopy analysis  
Aidilla Mubarak, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia

**Title:** Differential localization of ethylene receptor OsERS1 and OsETR2 in rice and the expression of OsETR2 during submergence  
Wing Kin Yip, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Arabidopsis root formation is altered by cadmium and arsenic
Laura Fattorini1, Marilena Ronzan1, Diego Piacentini1, Federico Della Rovere1, Ilaria Buran1, Adriano Sofo1, Maria Maddalena Altamura1 and Giuseppina Falasca1
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The semimetal arsenic (As) and the heavy metal cadmium (Cd) are highly toxic for plants and animals, evoking enormous concern due to their widespread and persistent presence in polluted ecosystems. Both elements are not essential for plants but easily absorbed by their roots using the same membrane transporters of essential nutrients. The exposure to Cd or As causes inhibition of plant growth, especially in sensitive plants as Arabidopsis thaliana, the model species used in this research. It was reported that Cd and As mainly localize in root meristems. The correct organization and functionality of primary (PR), lateral (LR) and adventitious roots (AR) depends on the integrity of their apical meristem, on the correct activity and maintenance over time of a small group of cells which rarely divide, i.e. the quiescent centre (QC) cells. The QC inhibits the differentiation of the surrounding stem cells, allowing the apical root growth and the correct root differentiation. In Arabidopsis, LR and AR originate from pericycle founder cells in the PR and hypocotyl, respectively, their QC is established in a precise stage of primordium development. It was demonstrated that the positioning and maintenance of the QC in these roots is strictly related to a correct transport and biosynthesis of indole-3-acetic acid (IAA), the main plant auxin. To the aim to investigate the effect of Cd and As on auxin-mediated LR and AR development and QC maintenance, the expression of the IAA-sensitive DRS: GUS, of QC25: GUS (QC-marker), of the auxin biosynthetic gene YUCCA6, of the IAA carriers GUS-lines PIN1: GUS and LAX3: GUS and IAA levels in seedlings exposed to Na2HAsO4 and/or CdSO4 were evaluated. Results indicate that Cd and As alter auxin biosynthesis and transport during root formation, with consequent negative effects on their growth.

Biography
Laura Fattorini investigated the effects of toxic elements, such as cadmium (Cd) and arsenic (As), on root development in some plants, in order to study the damages caused at cytological/histological level, as in Arabidopsis thaliana, and to find natural methods to limit Cd and As absorption in the commercially important species Nicotiana tabacum. Her experiences in the hormonal and genetic control of root development have enabled her to verify that some damages are related to an imbalance in the auxin production and transport in these organs. She also studied the effects of a co-exposure to these pollutants even in the As hyperaccumulator Pteris viitata, in order to study the possibility of using this fern for the purification of soils containing more (semi)metal contaminants.

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