

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



**XVIIIth International
Congress on Sexual Plant
Reproduction
(18th-ICSPR)**

**August 20-24, 2004,
Beijing, CHINA**

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**International Association of Sexual Plant Reproduction Research
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**Deadline for advance registration:
Abstract submission: April 30, 2004
Registration: April 30, 2004**

XVIIIth International Congress on Sexual Plant Reproduction (18th-ICSPR) will take place at Friendship Hotel, Beijing, China from August 20 (Friday) to August 24 (Tuesday), 2004. It is our great pleasure to host the 18th-ICSPR. We are very pleased to cordially invite you to participate in the congress and send you the second circular for the 18th-ICSPR.

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II. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the Congress is English.

III. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Keynote speaker:

Prof. Bob Goldberg (Molecular, Cell & Development Biology, UCLA, USA)

Sessions and Chairs:

Sessions	Chairs
1. Flowering	George Coupland
2. Floral Organ Development	Koji Goto
3. Sporophyte and Meiosis	Hong Ma
4. Gametophyte Development	David Twell
5. Pollen Tube Growth	Zhen-Biao Yang
6. Self-Incompatibility and Cell-Cell Communication	June Nasrallah
7. Fertilization and Embryogenesis	Robert Fischer
8. Comparative Embryology	William Friedman
9. Male Sterility and Apomixis	Anna Koltunow

Preliminary Program:

	August 20 (Friday)	August 21 (Saturday)	August 22 (Sunday)	August 23 (Monday)	August 24 (Tuesday)
8:30-10:15 AM	Registration	Opening Session Keynote lecture	Plenary and Oral presentation	Plenary and Oral presentation	Excursions
10:15-10:45 AM		<i>Coffee Break</i>			
10:45-12:30 AM		Plenary and Oral presentation	Plenary and Oral presentation	Plenary and Oral presentation	
2:00-3:45 PM	Registration	Plenary and Oral presentation	Plenary and Oral presentation	Plenary and Oral presentation	
3:45-4:15 PM		<i>Coffee Break</i>			
4:15-6:00 PM	Registration	Plenary and Oral presentation	Plenary and Oral presentation	Closing Session & Awarding	
7:30-9:30 PM	Reception	Poster Session Workshop	Poster Session Workshop	Banquet	Farewell

The scientific program includes a keynote lecture, plenary lectures, oral presentations and poster sessions.

- **Keynote lecture** – The keynote speaker will be invited by the Academic Committee. The Keynote lecture will last **60 minutes**, including **10 minutes** for discussion.
- **Plenary lectures** – In each session there will be 1-2 plenary lecture(s), which lasts **30 minutes**, including **5 minutes** for discussion, and 3-5 oral presentations, each one of **15 minutes**, including **3 minutes** for discussion.
- **Poster sessions** - The area for each poster is approximately 120 x 100 cm. Authors are expected to be in attendance beside the posters during the poster sessions.
- **Coffee break** – 30 minutes

IV. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (Please refer to the format provided)

Abstracts (one page only) should be structured as follows:

- The entire abstract, including title, authors, addresses and text should not exceed 21 x 29.7 cm (format A4), with margins of 2.5 cm
- Type styling - use Times New Roman font:
 - * Title 14 point **Bold**
 - * Authors 12 point Plain
 - * Addresses 12 point *Italic*
 - * Body of the text 12 point Plain
- Leave one line blank beneath the title and authors and one line blank above the main text of the abstract
- Text should be 1.5-spaced and justified
- No internal titles, tables, diagrams or references should be included
- Latin binomials should be in italics wherever they appear (in the title and in the body of the text).

Sample Abstract

DNA fragmentation in early primordial anther is closely correlated with the stamen arrest during female flower development in cucumber (*Cucumis sativa* L.)

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In our previous studies, it was found that the development of stamen of cucumber female flower is arrested at the stage when the primordial anther just differentiated from the filament. To reveal why the primordial anther is arrested and what is the developmental destiny of the arrested stamen primordia in female flowers, we conducted systematical investigation on

How to submit your abstract

Please send your abstract either by E-mail attachment in the MS Word DOC format (preferably the MS Word 6 or newer versions - MS Word 2000 is acceptable) or by post or fax to Ms. Cui-Ling Lan:

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If you submit your abstract by E-mail, you should receive confirmation of arrival within two working days. If you do not, please contact Ms. Cui-Ling LAN. We request that you complete the Form 1 (Information about Presentation) and return it to Ms. Cui-Ling LAN.

Please remember the deadline for submitting your abstract is April 30, 2004.

Awards for young scientists

One award for oral presentation, “**The Linskens Award**”, in honor of Prof. Hans Ferdinand Linskens, and two awards for poster presentations will be given to young scientists by the IASPRR. The value of the awards will be Euro 200 for the oral presentation, and Euro 100 each for two poster presentations, plus each winner will be presented a certificate.

Three Student Travel Awards (500 Euro for each) will be available to students who will be presenting the work at the Conference. Please apply to the co-organizer Jin-Xing Lin, E-mail: linjx@ns.ibcas.ac.cn with a copy of an abstract and a statement of need.

The eligibility requirements are that the young scientist: (1) be a member of the Society; (2) a graduate student or a presenter with less than 5 years after the doctoral degree; (3) be a principal research contributor in the research and (4) present the work at the meeting. NOTE: Travel awards are only available to students enrolled in a degree program.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX (ES) IN THE REGISTRATION FORM, IF YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OF THESE AWARDS.

V. REGISTRATION

Conference registration will take place in the Lobby of Building No. 1 of the Beijing Friendship Hotel. Desks will be open from 09:30 to 20:00 on August 20 (Friday).

For early planning purposes, all delegates who wish to participate in the Conference are requested to fill in the REGISTRATION FORM included in this brochure and return it to the Secretariat of 18th-ICSPR no later than **Apr. 30, 2004**

Registration Fees:

	Until April 30, 2004	After April 30, 2004
IASPRR Members	US\$250	US\$300
Non-members	US\$300	US\$350
Students	US\$150	US\$200
Accompanying persons	US\$150	US\$200

Full payment of the above registration fee entitles:

- A. IASPRR Members, Non-members and Students participants to:
1. Program and Abstract Book
 2. A reception on Friday August 20, 2004
 3. A banquet on Monday August 23, 2004
 4. Coffee breaks
 5. Working lunches on Saturday August 21 to Tuesday August 24, 2004
 6. One-day excursion on Tuesday August 24, 2004
- B. Accompanying persons to:
1. A reception on Friday August 20, 2004
 2. A banquet on Monday August 23, 2004
 3. Working lunches on Saturday August 21 to Tuesday August 24, 2004
 4. One-day excursion on Tuesday August 24, 2004

VI. CONFERENCE VENUES AND ACCOMMODATION

The Conference venue and accommodation will be arranged mainly at the **Beijing Friendship Hotel**, one of the largest garden-style four-star hotels in China with a style of classic elegance. Situated in the northwest of Beijing city and one hour from Beijing International Airport by taxi, it consists of five buildings, twenty-six restaurants with different style of cuisine serving authentic Chinese and Western food, a golf driving range, a swimming pool with diving platforms, a billiards room, tennis courts, a health center, sauna, and bars. The hotel has various multifunctional halls and meeting rooms with sophisticated facilities. It is an ideal place for conference. Address: 1 Zhongguancun Nandajie, Haidian District, Beijing 100873 China. Tel: +86-10-68498888, Fax: +86-10-68498866.
<http://www.bjfriendshiphotel.com>.

Besides, the Organizing Committee has also reserved some standard 2-beds rooms in a nearby **Beijing Foreign Studies University Hotel (BFSU Hotel)**. The hotel is about 15 minutes on foot from the conference hall. Address: 19 Xisanhuanbei Road, Beijing 100089 China, Tel: +86-10-68916907, Fax: +86-10-68916907.

Room type	Rate (US\$/night/room)	Description
Room in Building 1 of Friendship Hotel (Including breakfast)	78	Room area is 20m ² , with one twin bed
Room in Building 2 of Friendship Hotel (Including breakfast)	65	Standard room with 2 separate beds. Room sharing should be made by yourself
Room in BFSU Hotel (Including breakfast)	45	Standard room with 2 separate beds. Room sharing need to be specified in your Hotel Reservation Form

Notes:

1. Reservation form for hotel accommodation must be sent directly to the Secretariat of 18th-ICSPR before **April 30, 2004**, in order to enjoy the above special discount rate for the Conference. Please use the Hotel Reservation Form attached.
2. Payment should be made to the hotels directly when you arrive in Beijing.
3. The rates quoted above are special discount rates only for the Conference. They include 10% service charge, US\$1.5 city construction fee per day and breakfast for one person. Extras such as IDD (international direct dialing) and DDD (domestic direct dialing) calls, laundry, minibars, etc. are not included.
4. The Secretariat will not be responsible for room sharing arrangement.
5. The Secretariat will make reservations according to the check-in and checkout dates indicated on your Hotel Reservation Form. If you want to change your travel schedule, please inform the Secretariat before **July 31 2004**.

VII. EXCURSIONS

Beijing's long history means the city has a wealth of historical tourist spots. One-day tours could be organized during the congress period, depending on the number of participants and demand.

1. The Great Wall and Ming Tombs

The Great Wall is the only man-made structure visible from the space. Its construction started about 2,500 years ago. The section of the Great Wall nearest to Beijing is situated at Badaling, and is the best preserved one. The Ming Tombs are located in a northern suburban area of Beijing, with mausoleums of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty.

2. Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven

The Forbidden City is the largest palace in the world. It has more than 9,000 rooms that are of wooden structure. The Temple of Heaven is the largest example of religious architecture. Emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties offered sacrifices to heaven in this temple.

VIII. PRE- AND POST- CONFERENCE TOURS

In order that Conference participants may enjoy many historic sites, scenic areas and recent developments in other cities in China, pre- and post-conference tours will be specially arranged by the Center for International Scientific Exchanges of CAS. The prices quoted below are for a group of more than 10 persons.

Pre-Tour 1: Shanghai – Xi'an – Beijing (August 16-20, 2004)

Price	US\$720(D)	US\$786(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$760(D)	US\$826(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$940(D)	US\$1057(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 16----Arrive in Shanghai. Transfer to the hotel and the rest of the day is free.

August 17----Sightseeing in Shanghai: Jade Buddha Temple, Yuyuan Garden, Shanghai Museum, Children's Palace, and the Bund.

August 18----Fly to Xi'an.

August 19----Sightseeing in Xi'an: Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, Huaqing Hot Springs, Banpo Neolithic Museum, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Ancient City Wall, and the Provincial Museum.

August 20----Fly to Beijing and transfer to the Beijing Friendship Hotel where the pre-conference tour will terminate.

Pre-Tour 2: Guangzhou - Guilin - Xi'an - Beijing (August 15-20, 2004)

Price	US\$879(D)	US\$958(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$928(D)	US\$998(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$1136(D)	US\$1253(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 15----Arrive in Guangzhou. Transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is free.

August 16----Sightseeing in Guangzhou: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, Ancestral Temple of the Chen Family, and Six Banyan Tree Temple.

August 17----Sightseeing in Guilin: one day Cruise on the Lijiang River, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill, and Diecui Hill.

August 18----Fly to Xi'an

August 19----Sightseeing in Xi'an: Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, Huaqing Hot Springs, Banpo Neolithic Museum, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Ancient City Wall, and the Provincial Museum.

April 20----Fly to Beijing and transfer to the Beijing Friendship Hotel.

Post-Tour 1: Beijing-Nanjing-Wuxi-Suzhou-Shanghai

(August 25- August 31, 2004)

Price	US\$683(D)	US\$809(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$723(D)	US\$849(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$1006(D)	US\$1153(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 25---- Fly to Nanjing.

August 26----Sightseeing in Nanjing: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum, Zhonghuamen, and the Qinhuai River Scenery.

August 27----Take train to Wuxi.

Sightseeing in Wuxi: Cruise on the Taihu Lake and Jichang Garden.

August 28----Take the train to Suzhou.

Sightseeing in Suzhou: Zhuo Zheng Yuan, Huqiu, and Hanshan (Old Hill) Temple.

August 29----Take train to Shanghai.

August 30----Sightseeing in Shanghai: Jade Buddha Temple, Yuyuan Garden, Shanghai Museum, Children's Palace, and the Bund.

August 31----After breakfast at the hotel, the tour will terminate.

Post-Tour 2: Beijing - Chengde – Beijing

(August 25- August 26, 2004)

Price	US\$110(D)	US\$130(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$126(D)	US\$145(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$180(D)	US\$210(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 25---Bus to Chengde, stay in 4 stars hotel, and visit Puning Temple and small Pudala Temple.

August 26---Visit Mountain Resort and Sledge Hammer Peak, take bus back to Beijing, after supper, the tour will terminate.

Post-Tour 3: Beijing -Shanxi– Beijing

(August 25- August 27, 2004)

Price	US\$167(D)	US\$203(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$186(D)	US\$222(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$280(D)	US\$336(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 25---Take Train or Bus to Wutai Mt.

August 26---Visit Cifu Temple, Pusading Temple, Xiang Tong Temple and Luohou Temple, in the afternoon to visit Dailuo Peak Bishem Temple, Jifu Temple

August 27---Visit Fomu Cave, Zhenhai Temple, LinTeng Temple, Nanshem Temple and Longguan Temple, take train or bus back to Beijing, after supper, the tour will terminate.

Post-Tour 4: Beijing - Xi'an - Beijing

(August 25- August 28, 2004)

Price	US\$578(D)	US\$653(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$608(D)	US\$683(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$688(D)	US\$763(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 25---Beijing to Xi'an by flight. Stay in one four star hotel and the rest of the day is free.

August 26---Sightseeing: Shaanxi Provincial Museum, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Banpo Neolithic Museum, Qin Terra-cotta Warriors Museum, and Huaqin Hot Spring.

August 27---Xi'an to Beijing by flight. Stay in Beijing Friendship Hotel and the rest of the day is free.

August 28---After breakfast, free for exit. Self-arranged transportation to the airport for exit.

Post-Tour 5: Beijing - Xi'an - Guilin – Guangzhou – Hong Kong (Exit)
(August 25- August 30, 2004)

Price	US\$933(D)	US\$1011(S)	For a group of 10 persons or more
	US\$979(D)	US\$1053(S)	For a group of 6-9 persons
	US\$1189(D)	US\$1306(S)	For a group of 2-5 persons

Itinerary:

August 25---Fly to Xi'an.

August 26---Sightseeing in Xi'an: Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, Huaqing Hot Springs, Banpo Neolithic Museum, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Ancient City Wall, and the Provincial Museum.

August 27---Fly to Guilin.

August 28---Sightseeing in Guilin: one day Cruise on the Lijiang River, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill, and Diecui Hill.

August 29---Fly to Guangzhou.

Sightseeing in Guangzhou: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, Ancestral Temple of the Chen Family, and Six Banyan Tree Temple.

August 30---Take express train to Hong Kong, where the tour will terminate.

Remarks for the tours:

The following services will be offered:

- ✧ Accommodations with American breakfasts at the tourist class hotels.
- ✧ Daily lunches and dinners at downtown restaurants in each city.
- ✧ Sightseeing in air-conditioned coach with English-speaking guide in each city.
- ✧ City-to-city transportation including express train tickets to Hong Kong. All exit tickets are to be self-arranged.
- ✧ Airport construction fee.
- ✧ Luggage handling.
- ✧ A national English-speaking guide provided for a group of more than 10 persons.
- ✧ The secretariat will reserve the right to raise the prices or cancel any of the above tour routes if there are less than 10 attendees. In that case, the notification will be sent to you as soon as possible and the tour fee will be refunded, but service fee charged by Bank of China will be deducted from attendees' tour fee
- ✧ If no accompanying person's name is indicated in your Application form for Pre- and Post-Conference Tour, you will be arranged as a single occupancy during the tour.
- ✧ For the first day of the pre-conference tours, the price only includes transportation fee to the hotel and the room fee. The participants are responsible for the entry tickets and the rest of the first day.

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August 20-24, 2004, Beijing, China

Application Form for Pre-and Post-Conference Tour

Please fill in the blanks and return this form, in time to be received no later than July 31, 2004 to:

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Please type or print in block letters:

Name: _____
 (Surname) (First name) (Middle name)

Accompanying by (if any): _____

	Price	Number of participants	Subtotal
Pre-Tour1	US\$720(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$786(S)	x ()	= US\$
Pre-Tour2	US\$879(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$958(S)	x ()	= US\$
Post-Tour1	US\$683(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$809(S)	x ()	= US\$
Post-Tour2	US\$110(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$130(S)	x ()	= US\$
Post-Tour3	US\$167(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$203(S)	x ()	= US\$
Post-Tour4	US\$578(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$653(S)	x ()	= US\$
Post-Tour5	US\$933(D)	x ()	= US\$
	US\$1011(S)	x ()	= US\$

Total: US\$ _____

* In the above table, (D) and (S) indicate respectively DOUBLE OCCUPANCY and SINGLE OCCUPANCY for hotel accommodation during the whole tour.

Please Check:

- () I have enclosed a bank draft for the above fee to Ms. Cuiling LAN
- () I have remitted the above fee of US\$ _____ on _____ by bank transfer through _____ (my bank) to **Center for International Scientific Exchanges, CAS, Secretariat of 18th-ICSPR, Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ, Account Number: 00075008091014, Head Office, Bank of China, Beijing, China.**

Signature: _____ - Date: _____

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

i. Visas

An official invitation letter will be issued to those who have returned the final Registration Form. With this letter, you can go to the nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate to apply for entry visa(s). To allow ample time for a successful visa application, you are kindly requested to return the final Registration Form before the deadline. If any problem arises, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference for assistance.

ii. Arrival

Taxis are always available at the Airport. Taxi fares to the hotel will be about RMB120 (or about US\$15~20). The notes below may help you in taking a taxi to the hotel.

Please take me to the Friendship Hotel. Thank you!
请送我到北京友谊宾馆, 谢谢!

Please take me to the Beijing Foreign Studies University
Hotel. Thank you!
请送我到北京外国语大学宾馆, 谢谢!

iii. Payment

Bank draft should be sent to:

Ms. Cuiling LAN
Center for International Scientific Exchanges, CAS
Secretariat of 18th-ICSPR
52 Sanlihe Rd., Beijing 100864, China

Bank transfers should be made to: Center for International Scientific Exchanges, CAS, Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ, Account Number: 00075008091014, Head Office, Bank of China, Beijing, China. Address: No. 1, Fuxingmennei Ave., Beijing. Make sure to indicate the name of the Conference "18th-ICSPR" and your full name on the bank transfer, please send us a copy of the receipt of the bank transfer and keep a copy for your own record.

Credit Card: Payment can be made by credit card (Visa, Master, American Express) during on-spot registration, but there will be a 4% service charge calculated on the total amount paid (obligation by the Bank of China).

iv. Refund Policy and Cancellation Charge

Cancellation received by the Secretariat	Before July 31, 2004	After July 31 and before August 15, 2004	After August 15, 2004
Registration Fee	US\$60 charged	US\$200 charged	No refund
Pre-and Post-Conference Tour	US\$60 charged	US\$200 charged	US\$500 charged

v. Contact Person in China

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vi. Currency Exchange

In China, only RMB is used. However, exchange centers can be found at airports, most hotels and large shopping centers. When exchanging money, please keep your receipt by which you can change any remaining RMB back to foreign currency when leaving China. Visa, Master, American Express, Diners Club, JCB, and other credit cards are accepted in many department stores and hotels. But it might be difficult to draw cash with credit cards. The Bank of China and most hotels can cash travelers cheques issued by any foreign bank or financial institution. Participants will need to show a passport and pay a 0.75 percent commission. Traveler's cheque signed over to a third party cannot be cashed in China, but can be presented for collection through the Bank of China.

vii. Important Dates

April 30, 2004	Deadline for abstract submission
April 30, 2004	Deadline for Registration
July 31, 2004	Deadline for hotel reservation and pre- and post- tours