



## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Maize Genetics Conference

Pheasant Run, St. Charles, Illinois

March 17-20, 2011

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We cordially invite you to attend the 2011 Maize Genetics Conference, to be held at Pheasant Run, St. Charles, Illinois beginning with the evening meal on Thursday, March 17 and continuing until 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Details about the program, meeting and housing registration, abstracts, travel directions, and transportation services are all available at the **meeting website**: [http://www.maizegdb.org/maize\\_meeting/2011/](http://www.maizegdb.org/maize_meeting/2011/). The meeting website, hosted at MaizeGDB, will be updated regularly.

**REGISTRATION:** All registration deadlines are **January 31, 2011**. There are two, separate registration procedures, one for lodging and one for the meeting.

### **1. Lodging Reservation**

To reserve lodging and meals at the conference venue, submit your Reservation by January 31, 2011. Online reservations are preferred, through the hotel link at the meeting website. Alternatively, a hard copy form can be downloaded from the meeting website, completed and sent by mail or FAX, or Pheasant Run accepts reservations by phone. The prices listed at the hotel link include room, taxes, and meals from Thursday night through Sunday breakfast. If you need to locate a roommate, please do so before submitting your lodging registration. A roommate link is posted on the meeting website. Each attendee who desires lodging should register one time, as a primary registrant or as a roommate, as described at the meeting website.

### **2. Meeting Registration**

To register for the meeting, register online using the Meeting Registration link on the meeting website by January 31, 2011. Alternatively, you may print the form and mail or FAX it with your registration payment. There is a flat fee of \$200 for advance registration for all attendees, except there is no registration fee for graduate or undergraduate students. The registration fee after the deadline is \$250. We strongly encourage you to register in advance of the meeting as pre-registration allows us to compile a list of attendees with their affiliations and pre-print nametags. Receipts will be sent by email or mail. Meeting registration is handled through the University of Missouri Conference Office. The contacts there are Lindsay Gilmore and Angela

Freemyer; they can be reached by phone (573-882-8320), via receptionist (866-682-6663), by FAX (573-882-1953) or by email (muconf4@missouri.edu).

**TALKS, POSTERS, ABSTRACTS:** The abstract submission deadline is January 31, 2011. Abstract submission is separate from the conference and lodging registration procedures.

The meeting will feature four plenary speakers: Simon Chan (Univ. of California, Davis), Ueli Grossniklaus (Univ. of Zurich), Elizabeth Lee (Univ. of Guelph) and Ronald Phillips (Univ. of Minnesota). The program will also include approximately 30 short talks (15 minutes each) selected from abstracts, and extended poster sessions.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically by the deadline via the Abstract Form available from the **meeting website**: [http://www.maizegdb.org/maize\\_meeting/2011/](http://www.maizegdb.org/maize_meeting/2011/). Those who plan to be away at that time tending to winter crops should submit abstracts in advance.

Please indicate on the abstract form whether you wish to present a talk or a poster. Do not check both options. Due to time constraints some authors who request oral presentations may be asked to present their data in poster format instead. Authors of abstracts will be informed of format decisions by email, by February 14, 2011. Authors should check the meeting website to ensure their abstracts are posted and contain no errors. If by February 21, 2011 you do not receive information about your abstract, or it is not accessible on the web site, please contact Erik Vollbrecht at [vollbrec@iastate.edu](mailto:vollbrec@iastate.edu).

Each poster space is 46 x 46 inches, and authors are responsible for bringing their own tacks for hanging the poster. Poster boards will be provided.

#### **CONTEST FOR ABSTRACT BOOK LOGO:**

A logo for the cover of the abstract book will be selected from designs submitted by cooperators. Please submit original artwork via the meeting website, by January 31, 2011.

#### **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:**

We are soliciting federal grants and industry donations to partially cover room and meal costs for all graduate students and for any undergraduate who is first author and presenter of a talk or poster. Students from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. The subsidy will be applied to the charges billed by Pheasant Run. Students will be notified by email of the amount of the subsidy about two weeks prior to the meeting. To apply, a student must:

- a) Make reservations at Pheasant Run (credit card will not be charged until checkout).
- b) Register for the conference using the online meeting registration form; be sure to indicate your student status and include the requested additional information about your advisor, etc. (do not include payment for meeting registration).

Applications for student support must be received by January 31, 2011, so please act promptly.

**EVENING RECEPTIONS:** On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available near the poster area until midnight.

**FUTURE MAIZE MEETING ANOUNCEMENTS:** Meeting announcements are now sent via email only. To ensure you receive future announcements, please make sure your contact information in MaizeGDB is current (<http://www.maizegdb.org/person.php>).

**We look forward to seeing you all at the Meeting!**

**Erik Vollbrecht**  
**For the 2011 Maize Genetics Steering Committee**