Cold Spring Harbor Asia (CSHA) is the Asia-Pacific subsidiary of New York based Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL). Inaugurated in 2010, CSHA is dedicated to promote international scientific exchange in the Asia-Pacific Rim by offering scientific conferences and advanced training courses with highest quality.

CSHA is pleased to announce the meeting on Genome Assisted Biology of Crops and Model Plant Systems, which will be held at the Suzhou Dushu Lake Conference Center (CSHA’s exclusive venue) in Suzhou, China.

The conference will begin at 7:00pm on the evening of Monday April 21, and will conclude after lunch on Friday, April 25, 2014.

Major Topics:
- New genome sequences
- Epigenomics
- Plant environment interactions
- Metabolism
- Systems approaches
- Emerging model systems
- Crop plant architecture, breeding and yield

Abstract Deadline Extended to March 2, 2014
The conference will include eight oral sessions and one poster session covering the latest findings across many topics in plant biology. Abstracts with new and unpublished data are encouraged. Selection for short talks (10-20) and poster presentations will be made by the organizing committee on the basis of scientific merit and relevance.

Fellowships:
Again as a tradition of CSHL, we are eager to support as many junior scientists as possible. Certain number of presentations by graduate students or postdocs in this conference will be evaluated for fellowships (USD $200-$500).

Organizers:
Nam-Hai Chua, Rockefeller University, USA
David Jackson, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, USA

Keynote Speakers:
Robert Martienssen, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, USA
Jiayang Li, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, CHINA

Invited Speakers
Thomas Brutnell, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, USA
Mike Bevan, John Innes Center, UK
Xiaofeng Cao, Institute of Genetics & Developmental Biology, CAS, CHINA
Brian Dilkes, Purdue University, USA
Andrea Eveland, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, USA
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