

St. Pölten, August 2024

75th Plant Breeders Conference in Raumberg-Gumpenstein, Austria

November 25-27, 2024

Call for papers

We invite you to submit your contribution for the 75th Conference of Saatgut Austria, which will be held from 25th to 27th November 2024 under the motto

75 years in the service of plant breeding – From chi-square to genomic selection

In 2024, the annual conference of Saatgut Austria celebrates its 75th anniversary. Starting in 1950 in Vienna with only a few presentations and participants, the conference moved already in 1951 to the Ennstal – first to Admont and later to Gumpenstein – and welcomed in 1952 its first foreign participant from Bavaria. A real boost of international participants started after 1955 when the Austrian State Treaty was signed and 17 years of occupation by foreign troops ended. Since then, the conference is a hub for the transfer of knowledge in all fields of plant breeding - from statistical analysis of field experiments to the application of molecular tools – to commercial plant breeders, seed producers, experts at public authorities and scientists at universities and research institutions in Central Europe.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the “Gumpenstein Conference” we welcome presentations from all fields of plant breeding and seed science, demonstrating their transformation into the era of genomics, genome editing, artificial intelligence, climate change etc.

Please submit your title until September 30, 2024, either online ([Online-Submission of an oral contribution \(saatgut-austria.at\)](#)) or by e-mail to office@saatgut-austria.at .

The official conference language is English. Usually oral presentations are limited to 15 – 25 minutes. Keynote lectures can be longer.

You will be informed by the organizers immediately after the deadline for submission of contributions, whether your contribution is accepted as oral presentation or as poster. We kindly request your understanding if your presentation will be accepted as poster because of time constraints.

For posters we recommend the size DIN-A0.

The conference fee is € 120.- for participants; € 100.- for members of *Saatgut-Austria*; and € 70.- for students (with a valid certificate only). The fee covers participation in the conference, coffee breaks, all documents (including proceedings) and the buffet at the conference dinner (drinks are at your own expense). For speakers we waive the conference fee.

For participants travelling by train, a shuttle service from the station to the accommodation will be provided at your own cost.

To acclaim the anniversary, we are offering a tour of the research institute in Raumberg Gumpenstein on the afternoon of November 27th. Afterwards, participants have the opportunity to visit the Benedictine Abbey of Admont with the world's largest monastery library (<https://stiftadmont.at>).

Final registration for participation is possible with a separate registration form or online at www.saatgut-austria.at.

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