

Meeting on "Epigenetics and Somaclonal Variation",

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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is my pleasure to invite you to the "Meeting on Epigenetics and Somaclonal Variation", organised by the [Belgian Plant Biotechnology Association](http://www.bpba.be), formerly the Belgian Plant and Tissue Culture Group.

The symposium covers different fundamental and applied aspects of epigenetics and somaclonal variation in plants. It will be held in the brand new 'Parc Créalys', Espace Vincotte (Les Isnes, Gembloux), the 23th of November 2007.

You are warmly invited to participate to this forum, which will include lectures of invited speakers, a poster session and two oral presentations by young scientists, selected from the abstracts submitted for the poster session. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to visit some Biotech companies located at [Parc Créalys](http://www.parc-crealys.be).

We are most delighted to announce the preliminary program with renowned speakers in the field:

- [Ann Depicker](#) (VIB Department of Plant Systems Biology, University Gent, Belgium)
- [Jan Kooter](#) (Department of Genetics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- [Ortrun Mittelsten Scheid](#) (Gregor Mendel Institute of Molecular Plant Biology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria)
- [Marc De Block](#) (Bayer Cropscience, Gent, Belgium)
- (2 speakers awaiting confirmation)

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for posters (email address will be announced on the www.bpba.be website). Abstracts on new research topics or topics already presented elsewhere, are accepted. The deadline for submission of abstracts is the 15th of October.

The registration fee of 20 Euros includes attendance at the scientific sessions, coffee breaks and sandwich lunch. Students and members of the NVPW pay 10 Euros. Due to space limitations, the number of participants will be limited to 100 !

For further information visit : [Belgian Plant Biotechnology Association](http://www.bpba.be)

Hoping very much this sounds attractive to you all, we leave you with this information for now. The second announcement with the final program will be sent towards the beginning of September. Please feel free to forward this announcement to your collaborators or to anyone who might be interested in the meeting.

Until later with best regards!

Stefaan Werbrouck, President BPBA