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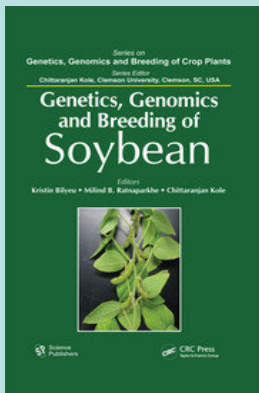


Genome India International (GII) successfully conducted a satellite meeting during the International Plant and Animal Genome Conference (PAG) XVIII-2010 held at San Diego, California, USA on January 12th at 5 pm. Over 30 reputed members as well as potential new non-members from US, India, Canada and many other countries attended the meeting. The meeting was convened by Dr. M. Ratnaparkhe (Vice-President), organized by Dr. A. Bhattacharya (Assistant General Secretary) and presided by Prof. C. Kole (Founder President). The participants were briefed about the various on-going activities of GII such as membership drive, GII-News, member-in-spotlight, forum, etc. and also on the future work plan. Emphasis was also put on issues such as possibility of monetary sponsorship/membership and collaboration to support various on-going activities of GII. The meeting room and all required facilities were generously provided (free of cost) by Mr. Darrin Scherago, the CMP, Vice President and CIO of the Scherago International, the main sponsor of the PAG conference and GII members gratefully acknowledged this kind gesture.

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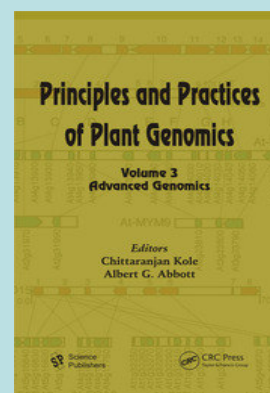
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CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty congratulations to **Prof. C. Kole** and **Dr. M. Ratnaparkhe** for editing “*Genetics, Genomics and Breeding of Soybean*” along with **Dr. K. Bilyeu**. Bridging traditional research with modern molecular investigations on soybean, this volume explores the recent advances in soybean genome mapping, molecular breeding, genomics, sequencing, and bioinformatics.

Another book “*Principles and Practices of Plant Genomics Volume 3: Advanced Genomics*” of a three-volume set also edited by **Prof. C. Kole** along with **Dr. A. Abbott** has been published. The book presents an overview on the advances of plant genomics; deliberations on the genomics resources; concepts, tools, strategies, and achievements of comparative, evolutionary, and functional genomics and whole-genome sequencing efforts. It also presents critical reviews on the already completed genome initiatives and glimpses on the currently progressing genome initiatives. The prologue of this book is written by Prof. Werner Arber (Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1978) and the foreword is written by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan (Chairman, M.S. Swaminathan Research, Foundation).



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To read more about the members-in-spotlight, kindly visit @
<http://genome-india-intl.org/spotpage.htm>



ACCOLADES

Hearty congratulations to GII member **Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan** for being awarded ‘The Infosys Prize in Life Sciences’ in recognition of his many contributions as a developmental geneticist and neurobiologist. Dr. Vijay Raghavan is the Director of the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India.

GENOMICS RELATED SYMPOSIA/CONFERENCES

1. 4th ESF Conference on Functional Genomics and Disease, April 14-17, 2010, Dresden, Germany

<http://www.esffg2010.org/index.asp>

2. Mouse Genetics – Think Globally, Act Locally, April 2, 2010, Cambridge, UK

<http://www.genetics.org.uk/page/2749/Mouse-Genetics--Think-Globally-Act-Locally.html>

3. The Biology of Genomes, May 11-15, 2010, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, USA

<http://meetings.cshl.edu/meetings/genome10.shtml>

4. Informatics for Next Generation Sequencing, May 18, 2010, Montpellier, France

<http://www.hgvs.org/mont/>

5. 14th Human Genome Meeting 2010, May 18-21, 2010, Montpellier, France

<http://www.hgm2010.org/>

6. 21st International Conference on Arabidopsis research, June 6-10, Yokohama, Japan

<http://arabidopsis2010.psc.riken.jp/>

7. FASEB Genome Engineering: Research and Therapeutic Applications, June 6-11, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA

<http://www.faseb.org/page-not-found.aspx?aspxerrorpath=%2fredirector.aspx%3f404%3bhttp%3a%2f%2fwww.faseb.org%3a80%2fsrc%2fpages%2f2009%2ffutureconference.html>



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