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International Leopoldina Symposium

Growth and Defence in Plants:
Resource Allocation at Multiple Scales

July 4 – 6, 2011

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About the Meeting

The “conflict” of plants in balancing diverse ecophysiological demands will be highlighted, exemplifying trade-offs and cost/benefit relationships between growth and stress defence. Plants need to optimize the associated resource fluxes in response to internal needs and external availabilities. The regulatory mechanisms mark a current frontier in plant science, challenging the comprehension of plant performance at the transition between molecular, ecophysiological and ecosystem-level processes. Integrative process scaling needs to acknowledge inherent resource interchanges with the abiotic and biotic environment, being determinants of the plant’s resource allocation. Are plants caught in a “dilemma” while coping with conflicting resource demands ? To which extent may “functional plasticity” allow plants to “escape” or, at least, mitigate such a dilemma ? Available evidence and related theories in plant science will be examined for their mechanistic and ecological relevance, while stressing process cross-linking across plant and ecosystem scales as a pre-requisite of spatio-temporal pattern comprehension. Beyond that scope, a conceptual extension of “system biology” will be explored within ecological contexts. Multi-organismic genotype/species networks in resource flux and information signalling will be elucidated, integrating science theory, experimentation, bio-mathematical concepts and modelling approaches. The envisaged advancement will consolidate the understanding of natural response variability on mechanistic grounds.

Registration

The registration fee is 35,-- Euro per day including lunch and coffee breaks, but excluding accommodation (hotels see below).

Please register until May 31, 2011, using the online registration form:

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Program

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Arrival and Registration

Monday, July 4, 2011

08:30 h	Registration
10:00 h	Opening, Welcome addresses Introduction into the Symposium; Rainer Matyssek
12:00 h	Lunch

Session 1 The Objects: Hosts, Pathogens and Symbionts

13:30 h	Stephen Woodward, University of Aberdeen “Resistance of spruce to <i>Heterobasidion</i> : a realistic proposition?”
14:05 h	Frank Fleischmann, Technische Universität München “Host-pathogen interactions and trade-offs”
14:25 h	Ralph Hückelhoven, Technische Universität München “ <i>Blumeria graminis f.sp. hordei</i> reprograms barley for triggering susceptibility to powdery mildew”
15:00 h	Coffee break
15:45 h	Karin Pritsch, Helmholtz Zentrum München “Reactions of mycorrhizosphere components to plant stress”
16:05 h	Ralf Kaldenhoff, Technische Universität Darmstadt “ <i>Cuscuta reflexa</i> infestation: molecular components of a parasitic plant – host-plant interaction”
16:40 h	Dieter Ernst, Helmholtz Zentrum München “Effects of abiotic and biotic stress on gene transcription in European beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L.): from saplings to mature trees”
17:00 h	Heinz Rennenberg, University of Freiburg “Synthesis Session 1 and Discussion”
18:00 h	Dinner

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Session 2 The Processes: Competition versus Facilitation

08:30 h	Sebastian Gayler, University of Tübingen “Carbohydrate allocation to growth-related and defence-related metabolism – a modelling approach at the whole-plant level”
08:50 h	James Cahill, University of Alberta, Calgary “A trait-based approach to understanding competitive interactions”
9:25 h	Thorsten Grams, Technische Universität München “A space-related perspective on plant-plant interactions”
09:45 h	Coffee break
10:30 h	Hans Schnyder, Technische Universität München “Stress effects on carbon allocation in a perennial grass – the role of stores in supplying substrate for growth and respiration”
10:50 h	Ragan M. Callaway, University of Montana, Missoula “Positive interactions and interdependence in plant communities”
11:25 h	Hans Pretzsch, Technische Universität München “Facilitation and competition in mixed-species forests analysed along an ecological gradient”
11:45 h	Rainer Matyssek, Technische Universität München “Synthesis Session 2 and Discussion”
12:30 h	Lunch

Session 3 The Scales: Spatio-Temporal Pattern Formation

14:00 h	Marc-Thorsten Hütt, Jacobs-University Bremen “A network view on patterns of gene expression and metabolic activity”
14:35 h	Reinhard Agerer, LMU München “Exploration and exploitation strategies of ectomycorrhizal fungi”
14:55 h	Michel Thellier, University of Rouen “Memory processes in the control of plant growth and morphogenesis”
15:30 h	Coffee break

16:00 h	Thomas Rötzer, Technische Universität München “Mixing patterns of tree species and their effect on resource allocation in forest stands”
16:20 h	Ulrich Schurr, ICG Forschungszentrum Jülich “Cost / Benefit relations in root growth and resource acquisition in heterogeneous soils”
16:55 h	Axel Göttelein, Technische Universität München “Tree-internal nutrient distribution – variations in space and time”
17:15 h	Eckart Priesack, Helmholtz Zentrum München “Synthesis Session 3 and Discussion”
18:00 h	Dinner
20:00 h	Martyn M. Caldwell, Utah State University, Logan Evening lecture (in German) for the interested public “UV-Strahlung, Pflanzen und Ökosysteme: Was wir in den letzten Jahren gelernt haben”

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 Session 4 The Systems: Holobionts and Hierarchy Theory

08.30 h	Christian Körner, University of Basel “Towards a functional understanding of plant growth”
09:05 h	Wolfgang Graf zu Castell-Rüdenhausen, Helmholtz Zentrum München “Complex Systems: Chances and Risks for Experimental Data Analysis”
09:25 h	Bernard Saugier, Université Paris-Sud “A comparison of production processes in crops and forests”
10:00 h	Coffee break
10:30 h	Kay Hamacher, Technische Universität Darmstadt “Information Theoretical Hierarchy in the Holobiont”
11:05 h	Fabio Rubio Scarano, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro “From plant to planet: integrating hierarchies to help solve planetary crisis”
11:40 h	Rainer Matyssek & Ulrich Lüttge “Gaia: The Planet Holobiont”
12:00 h	Ulrich Lüttge, Technische Universität Darmstadt “Synthesis Session 4 and Discussion”
12:45 h	Lunch
14:00 h	Optional excursion to the research site Kranzberg Forest and Helmholtz-Zentrum München