

## Forthcoming events

### 2006

- January 26–29  
Granada, Spain  
2nd FEBS Advanced Course on  
Biology and Pathophysiology of  
Poly(ADP-Ribosylation)  
Contact: F. Javier Oliver  
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- February 4–8  
Sede Boqer, Israel  
Woody Root Processes –  
Revealing the Hidden Half  
www.cost38.net
- April 9–13  
Brisbane,  
Australia  
3rd International Conference on  
Legume Genomics and Genetics  
www.iclgg3.org
- May 22–27  
Beijing, China  
2nd International Symposium  
on Plant Neurobiology  
www.plantneurobiology.ibcas.ac.cn
- July 4–8  
Madrid, Spain  
2nd FEMS Congress of the  
European Microbiologists  
www.fems-microbiology.org
- August 4–10  
Vienna, Austria  
5th International Symbiosis  
Society Congress  
people.bu.edu/iss/  
www.isscongress2006.com  
(see next page for more details)
- August 20–25  
Adelaide,  
Australia  
8th International Congress of  
Plant Molecular Biology  
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### Position Announcement

#### **Plant Systematist University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**

The Department of Plant Biology and the Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota announce a 9-month tenure-track position for an assistant professor and herbarium curator in the area of non-flowering plant systematics and/or mycology.

Candidates are required to have experience in collections-based research involving non-flowering plants and/or fungi including lichens. The successful applicant is expected to develop an externally funded research program; contribute to teaching and advising in organismal biology and systematics; curate sections of the herbarium including lichens; and contribute to public outreach through the Bell Museum. Tenure will reside in the Department of Plant Biology. The successful applicant is also expected to foster collaboration with biologists in other fields including phylogenetics, molecular evolution, genomics, development, ecology and/or conservation biology. A Ph.D. degree and herbarium experience is required; post-doctoral experience is preferred.

Please send a curriculum vitae, up to five selected reprints, a statement of research, teaching and curatorial interests and experience, and three letters of reference to: Dr. George Weiblen, Search Committee Chair, Department of Plant Biology, 250 Biological Sciences Center, 1445 Gortner Avenue, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108, USA (gweiblen@umn.edu).

The committee will meet to begin consideration of complete applications on December 1, 2005. For further information visit the Department of Plant Biology at [www.cbs.umn.edu/plantbio](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/plantbio), the Bell Museum of Natural History at [bellmuseum.org](http://bellmuseum.org). The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

# 5th International Symbiosis Society Congress (5-ISS)

August 4–10, 2006 in Vienna, Austria

[people.bu.edu/iss/](http://people.bu.edu/iss/)

[www.isscongress2006.com](http://www.isscongress2006.com)

## Organizing Committee

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Department of Ecological Microbiology,  
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## Early Registration

(Deadline registration May 15, 2006)

ISS member	<b>Euro</b>	315.-
Student ISS member		175.-
Pre-college teacher ISS member		280.-
Non-ISS member		450.-
Non-ISS member, student		250.-
Non-ISS member, pre-college teacher		400.-
Accompanying person		100.-

**Contributing papers and poster abstracts,  
as well as registration can be processed at  
[www.isscongress2006.com](http://www.isscongress2006.com)**

## Symposia Themes

The Vienna Congress will continue to build upon the symbiotic theme approach, as the previous ISS congresses. A key goal of the Society continues to be the fostering of research ideas, methods, results across the symbiotic system themes. This cross-talk and sharing is essential if the symbiosis discipline is to grow and evolve, for its practice will lead to new collaborations, understanding, and questions. The thematic program and the name of the session chair/keynote is as follows:

- \* Congress keynote speaker: Lynn Margulis, USA
- \* Multiple partner associations (Ute Henschel, Germany)
- \* Metabolic interactions and exchanges (Abdelazziz Heddi, France)
- \* Integrative processes (Margaret McFall-Ngai, USA)
- \* Evolutionary implications (Colleen Cavanaugh, USA)
- \* Organelle or symbiont? (Wolfgang Löffelhardt, Austria)
- \* Harming, cheating, or cooperating? (Matthias Horn, Austria)
- \* Viral influences on symbiosis (Luis P. Villarreal, USA)
- \* Genomics in symbiosis (Gopi Podila, USA)
- \* Enigmatic symbioses (Mary Rumpho, USA)
- \* Eco-symbiology (Todd Lajeunesse, USA)
- \* Applied symbiosis I: Plant and fungi-related applications (Ajit Varma, India)
- \* Applied symbiosis II: Insect controls (Thomas Miller, USA)
- \* Symbiosis teaching workshop (Marc-André Selsosse, France)
- \* Symbiosis definitions and directions panel discussion (Angela Douglas, UK)