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Dear Shuhua Yang

The International Plant Molecular Biology (IPMB) Congress is now earnestly re-scheduling the next IPMB Congress, which will be held 24th-28th June, 2024, in Cairns, Australia. A team of Australian and International scientists are organising the meeting programme and logistics are being arranged by the Professional Conference Organiser ASN Events. The congress will begin with a welcome on Monday 24th June and end after four full days of scientific sessions including 10 keynote/plenary speakers and 72 sessions.

We are pleased to invite you to be the chair person for a concurrent session titled Plant Responses to Cold Temperature. As chair you would attend the conference in person. It is anticipated that you will recruit excellent speakers at the forefront of your field and speak yourself. At least one speaking slot should be reserved for someone (preferably junior career) who has submitted an exciting abstract. To ensure an inclusive meeting with diverse representation, we ask you to pay particular attention to consider speakers from traditionally under-represented groups in your session.

The concurrent sessions will be arranged in 90-minute time slots with either four or five presentations. Four presentations in a session allows 5 minutes time for opening comments about the topic, three talks, including yourself, to speak for 25 minutes each (including questions), and a 10 minute mini-talk selected from submitted abstracts. If you prefer to select more talks from submitted abstracts, you can arrange your session to have 5 presentations, which would include 5 minutes time for opening comments, two talks, including yourself, to speak for 25 minutes each (including questions), one 15 minute talk, and two 10 minute mini-talks selected from submitted abstracts.

Given that IPMB does not have any income from membership fees, we are only able to provide you free registration as the session chair. Your participation as a session chair is important and will be a valuable contribution to the success of IPMB 2024, and will be very much appreciated. If you could please provide a response to this invitation within the next three weeks.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. We hope to see you in Cairns at IPMB2024!

Yours Sincerely,

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