

**3rd Asian Conference on  
Plant-Microbe Symbiosis  
and  
Nitrogen Fixation**

**Program and Abstracts**

28 – 30 October, 2014

Chengdu, China

# **Program**

**TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER**

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All day

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All day registration/check-in desk open at Holiday Inn (West Tower)

Free airport shuttle: From Chengdu International Airport to the hotel

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**WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER**


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08: 30 - 9: 00

**Opening Speeches**

Chair: Min Lin and Qi Cheng

09: 00 - 12: 00

**Session 1: Bioresource and Genomics**

Chair: Kiwamu Minamisawa and Shusei Sato

09: 00 - 09: 20

OPS01-1Establishment of the *Lotus japonicus* genomic information toward functional genomics**Shusei Sato**, Tohoku University, Japan

09: 20 - 09:35

OPS01-2

Intra-species resolution insights into biogeographic patterns of bacteria in soils associated with soybean roots

**Changfu Tian**, China Agricultural University, China

09: 35 - 09:50

OPS01-3Plant-induced inter-genus horizontal gene transfer of symbiosis islands of *Azorhizobium caulinodans* broadens rhizobial host-range specificity**Jun Zhu**, University of Pennsylvania, USA

09: 50 - 10:05

OPS01-4The National BioResource Project (NBRP) *Lotus* and *Glycine* in Japan**Masatsugu Hashiguchi**, University of Miyazaki, Japan

10: 05 - 10: 35

**Coffee break**

10: 35 - 10: 55

OPS01-5Analysis of symbiotic genes in *Bradyrhizobium* strain DOA9**Neung Teaumroong**, Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand

10: 55 - 11:15

OPS01-6

Current perspectives on rhizobium taxonomy and host specificity

**Kristina Lindström**, University of Helsinki, Finland

11: 15 - 11: 30

OPS01-7Genome-wide transcription profiling of diazotrophic *Paenibacillus* sp. WLY78 growing in N<sub>2</sub>-fixing and non-N<sub>2</sub>-fixing Conditions**Sanfeng Chen**, China Agricultural University, China

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11: 30 - 11: 45

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OPSo1-8 How many different rhizobial species could nodulate medical legume *Sophora flavescens* and why the symbiotic promiscuity?  
**Wenfeng Chen**, China Agricultural University, China

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OPSo1-9 Genetic diversity of rhizobia in the agro-system cereal-legume under salt stress  
**NourelHouda Abed**, Oran Es-Senia University, Algeria

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12: 00 – 14: 00

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Lunch Break

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14: 00 – 15 : 20

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**Session 2: Plant-Microbe interaction**  
Chair: Graham O'Hara and Barbara Reinhold-Hurek

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OPSo2-1 Single-cell gene expression analysis in bacteria to elucidate the endophytic lifestyle  
**Barbara Reinhold-Hurek**, the University of Bremen, Germany

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OPSo2-2 Plant signalling during sugarcane colonization with endophytic nitrogen-fixing bacteria  
**Adriana Hemerly**, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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OPSo2-3 *Burkholderia* as a model to unravel the mechanisms of plant-microbe interaction  
**Nazalan Najimudin**, University Sains, Malaysia

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OPSo2-4 Class 1 plant hemoglobin as a modulator of nitric oxide is involved in the infection process of *Mesorhizobium loti* to *Lotus japonicas*  
**Toshiki Uchiumi**, Kagoshima University, Japan

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15 : 20 - 15 : 45

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Coffee break

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**Session 3: Nitrogen Fixation and Nitrogen Cycles**  
Chair: Neung Teaumroong and Yuichi Fujita

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OPSo3-1 N<sub>2</sub>O emission from soybean rhizosphere and its mitigation based on N-cycle biology  
**Kiwamu Minamisawa**, Tohoku University, Japan

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OPS03-2 CnfR is a master transcriptional activator essential for nitrogen fixation in nonheterocystous cyanobacteria  
**Yuichi Fujita**, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, Japan

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OPS03-3 Nuclear resonant vibrational spectroscopy on extremely weak Fe-CO/CN and Fe-H/D vibrations in nitrogenase, hydrogenases and their structural model complexes  
**Hongxin Wang**, UC Davis and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, USA

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OPS03-4 A Purple acid phosphatase protein AsPPD1 is essential for nodule formation and nitrogen fixation in Chinese milk vetch  
**Youguo Li**, Huazhong Agricultural University, China

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OPS03-5 Characterization of *Mesorhizobium* strains isolated from tederia (*Bituminaria bituminosa* var. *albomarginata*)  
**Rui Tian**, Murdoch University, Australia

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OPS03-6 The quorum sensing regulator CinR hierarchically regulates two other quorum sensing pathways in ligand-dependent and-independent fashions in *Rhizobium etli*  
**Huiming Zheng**, Nanjing Agricultural University, China

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OPS03-7 Effect of glyphosate on bacterial community structure in rhizosphere of rice seedling inoculated with nitrogen fixing bacterium *P. stutzeri* A1501  
**Wei Lu**, Biotechnology Research institute, CAAS, China

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OPS03-8 Transcriptional factor LsrB senses oxidation signals through posttranslational modifications, required for Rhizobium-legume symbiosis  
**Li Luo**, Shanghai University, China

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Buffet

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Dinner for the International Committee, discussing the time and hosting country of the 4th Asian conference

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**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER**


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08 : 30 – 12: 00

**Session 4: Legume and Rhizobial Symbiosis**  
 Chair: Lily Pereg and Chi-Te Liu
 

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08: 30 - 08: 50

OPSo4-1 Understanding the basis of suboptimal and ineffective N<sub>2</sub> fixation in newly evolved species of *Mesorhizobium*  
**Graham O'Hara**, Murdoch University, Australia

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08: 50 - 09: 10

OPSo4-2 Symbiosis-related proteins of rhizobia and legumes  
**Christian Staehelin**, Sun Yat-sen University, China

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09: 10 - 09: 30

OPSo4-3 *Lotus japonicus clathrin* heavy chain 1 is associated with Rop6 and Nod Factor receptor 5 and involved in nodulation process  
**Zonglie Hong**, University of Idaho, USA

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09:30 - 09: 45

OPSo4-4 Transcriptomic profiles of nodule senescence in *Lotus japonicus* and *Mesorhizobium loti* symbiosis  
**Shigeyuki Tajima**, Kagawa University, Japan

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OPSo4-5 The WOX genes STF and LFL are differentially required for leaf blade outgrowth and flower development in *Medicago truncatula*  
**Lifang Niu**, Biotechnology Research Institute, CAAS, China

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10: 00 – 10: 30

Coffee break

10: 30 - 10: 50

OPSo4-6 Regulation of the symbiotic nodule development by *Azorhizobium caulinodans* chromosome partitioning protein: ParA  
**Chi-te Liu**, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

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OPSo4-7 Rhizobial type III secretion system controls host-dependent nodulation on soybean  
**Shin OKAZAKI**, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan

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OPSo4-8 MicroRNA MiR172c targeting AP2 transcription factor GmNNC1 regulates nodulation in soybean  
**Xia Li**, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, CAS, China

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OPSo4-9 Fate map of *Medicago truncatula* root nodules, an essential tool to characterize mutant nodule phenotypes  
**Tingting Xiao**, Wageningen University, Netherlands

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OPSo4-10 Function of the antioxidative gene katG from *Rhizobium Leguminosarum*  
**Guojun Cheng**, South-Central University for Nationalities, China

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OPSo4-11 Function of *cysDN* and *cysH* genes associated with sulfur metabolism in *Sinorhizobium fredii* WGFO3, *Sinorhizobium meliloti* 14500 and *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* USDA 6  
**Bo Wu**, Guangxi University, China

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Lunch Break

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**Session 5: Applications for Sustainable Agriculture and Environments**  
Chair: Nazalan Najimudin and Guoping Yang

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OPSo5-1 Characterization of wide range of nitrogen-fixing microsymbionts associated with legumes growing in arid and semi-arid regions of Indian Thar Desert  
**Hukam Singh Gehlot**, Jai Narain Vyas Univesity, India

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OPSo5-2 The potential for nitrogen fixation and denitrification in Australian cotton soils subjected to different management strategies  
**Lily Pereg**, University of New England, Australia

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OPSo5-3 Development of biofertilizer based on symbiosis microbes for soybean: Case study in Indonesia  
**Harmastini Sukiman**, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Indonesia

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OPSo5-4 The N economy of paddy rice in Myanmar: defining the critical role of biological N<sub>2</sub> fixation  
**David Herridge**, University of New England, Australia

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OPS05-5      The advances of the rhizobial inoculant application in China  
**Guoping Yang**, Laboratory of quality & Safety Risk Assessment for Microbial Products, China

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OPS05-6      Important agronomically role of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi on nitrogen fixation and trehalose in chickpea genotypes under saline agriculture  
**Navid Baher**, Payam Noor University, Iran

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OPS05-7      Nitrogen fixing bacteria (*Azospirillum*) application, improvement and commercialization for production of agricultural crops in the Philippines  
**Julieta Avillar Anarna**, University of the Philippines, Philippines

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OPS05-8      Host specificity and stress tolerance of potential inoculant rhizobia  
**Petri Penttinen**, University of Helsinki, Finland

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Coffee Break and Poster Session

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**Closing Session**  
Chair: Kiwamu Minamisawa

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**Banquet**  
Chair: Yiping Wang

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## **FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**

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08 : 00 - 12: 00

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### **Excursion routes**

Route 1) Panda Breeding and Research Center

(<http://www.panda.org.cn/english>)

Route 2) Dujiangyan Irrigation Water System

(<http://www.djygov.com>)

Free airport shuttle: From the hotel to Chengdu International Airport