

Invitation to the 9<sup>th</sup> International PGPR Workshop



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are delighted to invite you to the 9th International PGPR Workshop and 1<sup>st</sup> Latinamerican PGPR Workshop, to be held in Rionegro, Colombia, June 3rd to 8th, 2012.

Plant Growth-Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) are root associated bacteria representing many different genera and species that colonize the rhizosphere and improve plant growth when introduced onto seeds, vegetative plant parts, or into soil. PGPR improve plant growth by one or more mechanisms: direct stimulation of plant growth; enhancement of nutrient uptake; suppression of plant pathogens; and/or induction of resistance in plant hosts against pathogens.

The theme selected for the Workshop is Returning to Our Roots. In addition to the obvious reference to plant roots, where PGPR grow and affect plants, the theme is a reference to the history of the International PGPR Workshop. The workshop was originally designed to be an active exchange of information, ideas, methods, applications, and challenges related to research and development of PGPR. There are already many purely research meetings where scientists can present basic research studies. At the heart of the PGPR Workshop is the idea of linking research with applications.

Therefore, the organizing committee is pleased to invite you to participate in this international workshop as an opportunity to share knowledge and developments, knowing the Latin American culture.

In addition, the abstract submission deadline is April 20th 2012. Some abstracts will be selected for oral presentation and others for posters. Please prepare abstracts as described below. Abstracts must be in English and not exceed 1900 characters (title, authors, and addresses included). Times New Roman font (12 pt) must be used. Underline the name of the presenting person. All abstracts should be sent to [pgpr2012@gmail.com](mailto:pgpr2012@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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