
Announcements

International Symposium on Rice Genetics

The First International Rice Genetics Symposium will be held at International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Baños, Philippines in April, 1985 and will be sponsored jointly by the IRRI and Japanese Committee on Rice Gene Nomenclature and Linkage Groups. The topics to be discussed will include recent advances in various aspects of rice genetics. Rules for gene symbolization in rice will also be discussed. In addition plans for organizing "Rice Genetics Cooperative" to include scientists actively engaged in research on rice genetics will be discussed. It is expected that Rice Genetics Cooperative will help enhance the exchange of information and genetic stocks.

In order to promote exchange of information and genetic stocks among interested workers, 'Rice Genetics Newsletter' will be published annually. The first issue will be published by the Japanese Committee on Rice Gene Nomenclature and Linkage Groups in August 1984. The subsequent issues will be published by the 'Rice Genetics Cooperative'.

If you are interested in attending the Symposium, and/or subscribing and submitting articles to the Rice Genetics Newsletter, please write to: Dr. G.S. Khush, International Rice Research Institute, P.O. Box 933, Manila, Philippines, or to: Dr. H.I. Oka, National Institute of Genetics, Misima City, Japan 411.

10th International Congress of ISDB

The Tenth International Congress of the International Society of Developmental Biologists will take place on August 4-9, 1985 at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, USA.

The scientific programme is very extensive and is composed of such topics as

- Genomic structure and function in development;
- Positional information and pattern formation;
- Developmental and genetic interventions in the human species;
- Transformation in animals and plants;
- Variations in RNA processing during development, and others.

More information: 10th Int. Congr. ISDB, Andrus Gerontology Center, University Park, MC 0191, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191, USA.