



THE 17TH ISBR SYMPOSIUM

"Cultivating Bio-Innovation for a Sustainable Future"

2 – 6 November 2025, Ghent, Belgium, at the Ghent ICC

ISBR News - July 2025

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Registration and Accommodation

Don't miss out on your opportunity to showcase your work and engage with leaders in the field.

Registration for ISBR 2025 is still open. Act now to secure your place, book your travel. We encourage you to ensure your passports are valid, get your visa issued, book your flights, complete your [Registration](#).

Book your [Accommodation](#) at the special discounted rates for ISBR delegates soon!



Program

*** Update ***

The [Preliminary Program](#) is now live on the ISBR website. It gives ISBR members a “first look” at the confirmed Keynote, Plenary, and Parallel session speakers. Dates/Times/Room information remains tentative, as the final program is built.

- **Monday (Nov 3rd):** The opening session will be followed by [Plenary I: Advancing Public Understanding and Support for Bio-Innovation](#), with a Keynote address provided by Julie Borlaug. [Ten Parallel sessions](#) will run throughout the afternoon, covering Genome Editing in Plants, Gene Drives, Genetically Modified Crops, Capacity Building, Animal Biotechnology, Communicating Science, and other important topics. Five students were awarded the [ABSTC-ISBR student scholarship](#) and will present posters and participate in the Pecha Kucha session on Monday night, followed by a Poster Session with over 40 registered poster presenters.
- **Tuesday (Nov 4th):** A student breakfast and networking event will be followed by [Plenary II: Exploring Scientific Advancements, Opportunities, and Challenges in Bio-Innovation](#), with a Keynote address provided by Steven Runo. [Five interactive workshops](#) will run throughout the afternoon, covering Genome Editing in Plants, Ethics and Evolution, Genetically Modified Crops, Animal Biotechnology, and Artificial Intelligence for Biosafety Research. A continuation of the Poster Session in the evening will allow you time to visit all the posters you missed on Monday! Please plan to attend the ISBR Members meeting to learn more about ISBR2027 and provide feedback.
- **Wednesday (Nov 5th):** [Plenary III: Governance and Regulatory Frameworks: Understanding the Global Landscape](#) will start with a Keynote address by Rodomiro Ortiz. [Ten Parallel sessions](#) will run throughout the afternoon, covering Agricultural Biologicals, Regulatory Frameworks, Genome Editing in Plants, Gene Drives, Genetically Modified Crops, and other Bio-Innovation topics. The day will conclude with the **Symposium dinner**, which is a great networking opportunity for delegates to reconnect with colleagues and make new acquaintances.

- **Thursday (Nov 6th):** [Plenary IV: Governance and Regulatory Frameworks: Understanding the Global Landscape](#) will start with a Keynote address by Renée Anderson, and will end with the ISBR closing session.
- **Note:** The optional tours of the VIB & BASF facilities or the VIB field trial location are fully booked !

A comprehensive program (including titles, authors, abstracts for oral presentations and posters) is targeted for release by the end of July.



***** OPEN *****

Call for Photo Competition

As part of the 17th ISBR Symposium, we will be running a photo competition so you can help us find images that reflect the beauty, scientific excellence and diversity of the work done. The theme of the competition is:

Bio-innovation in action.

Photos should have been taken after January 2024.

We invite all ISBR members and Symposium attendees to submit photographs for the contest. Entries will be displayed on the ISBR website and members can vote for their favourite picture, the ISBR board will take the final decision. Prizes will be given to the three best photographs.

- 1st prize: \$100 in amazon vouchers
- 2nd prize: \$60 in amazon vouchers
- 3rd prize: \$40 in amazon vouchers

Please, visit our website about the details for submission.



Interview by Fahal Alam

Deadlines - Important dates to diarise

| | Opening Date | Closing Date |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Early Bird Registration | *** Closed *** | June 15 th , 2025 |
| Registration | June 16 th , 2025 | Nov 1 st , 2025 |
| ISBR Photo Contest | *** OPEN *** | Nov 1 st , 2025 |

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