



## THE 16TH ISBR SYMPOSIUM

**#ISBR2023**

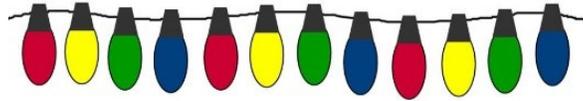
***"Advancing science in support of sustainable  
bio-innovation"***

**30 April - 4 May 2023, Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, MO, USA**

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# Happy Holidays!

***All of us at ISBR wish you a safe and happy holiday season and send you our best wishes for the New Year.***

*These have been challenging years for all and the ISBR Symposium has had to be postponed several times. Now, at the end of 2022, we very much look forward to seeing you at ISBR2023 in St. Louis, which is now only a few months away!*

## **Register Now and Plan Your Travel Early**

Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of this major, in-person symposium on biosafety and sustainable bio-innovation. Showcase your work and engage with leaders in the field.

Registration for ISBR2023 is open, so act now to secure your place and book your travel now to avoid disappointment. International travel is now open but be aware, there are **currently very long processing times for USA visa applications** from some countries. Therefore, we encourage you to ensure your passports are valid, get your visa issued, book your flights, [register](#) and [book your accommodation](#) at the special discounted rates for ISBR delegates.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**For detailed information please click here**

**Deadlines - Important dates to diarise**

	Opening Date	Closing Date
Abstract submission	closed	
Plenary, topic-specific parallel session & workshop presenters	Register by 31 January 2023	
Open call oral and poster presenters	Register by 17 February 2023	
Early Bird Registration	1 July 2022	11 March 2023
Regular Registration	12 March 2023	29 April 2023
Onsite Registration	30 April 2023	4 May 2023
ISBR Photo Contest	29 June 2022	10 March 2023

For detailed information please click [here](#)

## Symposium Dinner

A wonderful Symposium Dinner is being planned for the evening of Wednesday 3 May! Great company, delicious food, music, and a tribute to the late Professor Alan Raybould.

More information, with links to reserve and pay for dinner tickets, will be provided soon.



## Free Tours of Danforth Center or Bayer Crop Science

We are excited to announce that ISBR2023 participants will be able to take part in complimentary tours to either Bayer Crop Science or The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

Because of time limitations, these tours will run in parallel following completion of the symposium on Thursday 4 May. Buses will depart from Union Station Hotel at 2 pm Thursday 4 May and lunch boxes will be provided.

Places are limited to 60 participants for each tour.

**Pre-registration is required for both tours. You can reserve your seat for either the Danforth or Bayer tour when you register for ISBR2023 or, for existing registrants, please log back into your [registration portal](#) and reserve your seat.**



### Danforth Center Tour

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is the largest independent, nonprofit plant science research institute in the world. It is uniquely positioned to help feed the world and heal the planet, with a mission to improve the human condition through plant science.

This immersive tour of the facilities at the Danforth Plant Science Center in St Louis will provide insight into their extensive research activities aimed at creating a world where all people have enough food and energy while preserving a livable, sustainable environment.

Further information about the Danforth Center tour is available [here](#) .

### **Bayer Crop Science Tour**

Bayer Innovation Experience: A firsthand look at the past, present, and future of agriculture.

Housed in their North American Crop Science Research and Development Headquarters in Chesterfield, Missouri, the Bayer Innovation Experience offers an immersive and engaging look into the research and breakthroughs that are shaping the future of agriculture. This experience provides a comprehensive look into how innovations in agriculture benefit humanity and the planet as a whole, combining the many historic and ongoing developments that nourish our growing world.



Further information about the Bayer tour is available [here](#).

### **... and More**

Don't forget to check out the [St Louis's visitors guide](#) for a complete list of great places to eat, shop, play and stay in St. Louis. Inside you'll find helpful maps, information about local neighbourhoods and all the must-see attractions the Gateway City has to offer from nightlife and sports to family-friendly, music and theatre. For the baseball fans, the [St Louis Cardinals](#) are also in town during the symposium!

## **Program News**

The open call for abstracts closed on 9 December and the Program Committee will be reviewing these over the holiday period. Acceptance/rejection letters will be sent out to authors from Friday, 13 January and then they will have until Friday, 3 February to confirm their participation.

The first draft of the final program will be published on 27 January.

PLEASE NOTE: Plenary, topic-specific parallel session & workshop presenters must be registered by **31 January** and open call oral and poster presenters by **17 February**.

[For detailed information please click here](#)

## **ISBR2023 Photo Competition "Genetics for a healthier planet"**

Win a 100 \$US, 60 \$US or 40 \$US Amazon voucher!

You can help us find images that reflect the beauty, scientific excellence and diversity of the work done in genetics to make our planet healthier. We invite all attendees of the ISBR2023 Symposium and all ISBR members to submit photographs for the contest. A selection of the photographs will be printed and displayed at the Symposium and may be used on the website or in ISBR promotional materials.

Images should be uploaded to the 2023 ISBR Photo Competition group in Flickr before **10 March 2023**. Submit your best images now!

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## **Sponsorship**

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