

Programme for 2026

13. January 2026, *"Harnessing the Chemistry of Natural Products"*, **Prof. Dr. Sarah O'Connor**, Department of Natural Product Biosynthesis, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Jena, Germany

10. February 2026, *"Lessons from underground: discovering how roots sense soil stresses"*; **Prof. Dr. Malcolm Bennett**, University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonington Campus, Leicestershire, UK

3. March 2026, *"Back to the future: Using ancient barley landraces for a sustainable future"*; **Dr. Timothy George**, James Hutton Institute, Dundee, UK

21. April 2026, *"tba"*, **Prof. Dr. Michael Schatz**, Johns Hopkins University, Whiting School of Engineering, Baltimore, MD/USA

12. May 2026, *"Using grass diversity to dissect mechanisms of morphological evolution"*, **Dr. Madelaine Bartlett**, Sainsbury Laboratory, University of Cambridge, UK

9. June 2026, *"Deciphering the evolution of cis-regulation in plants at single-cell resolution"*, **Prof. Dr. Robert (Bob) Schmitz**, Department of Genetics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA/USA

18. August 2026, *"tba"*, **Prof. Dr. Tim Beissinger**, Heritable Agriculture, Mountain View, CA/USA

15. September 2026, *"Genetic and epigenetic structure of plant centromeres"*, **Prof. Dr. Ian Henderson**, University of Cambridge, Department of Plant Sciences, RG Genetic and Epigenetic Inheritance in Plants, Cambridge, UK

13. October 2026, *"tba"*, **Prof. Dr. Eric Lam**, Department of Plant Biology School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ/USA

15. December 2026, *"Engineering C3 rice for C4 photosynthesis"*, **Prof. Dr. Julian Hibberd**, University of Cambridge, Department of Plant Sciences, RG Molecular Physiology, Cambridge, UK