

42nd Annual Maize Genetics Conference

March 2000

Thursday, 16 March

6:00-7:00 PM DINNER

7:15-7:30 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:30-9:00 PM **PLENARY TALKS** Chair: Sue Wessler

7:30 Jane Langdale, Oxford University
Cellular differentiation in maize leaves

8:15 Elliot Meyerowitz, California Institute of Technology
Cell-cell communication in the *Arabidopsis* shoot apical meristem

9:30PM Posters may be hung Thursday evening and must be removed by noon Sunday

BEER WILL BE AVAILABLE ACROSS FROM THE POSTER AREA UNTIL 2:00AM

FRIDAY, 17 March

7:00-8:30 AM BREAKFAST

8:30-10:10AM **SESSION #1** Chair: Neelima Sinha

THE GENE

8:30 Laurel Mezitt, University of California-Davis
Cloning and Characterization of *Sucrose Export Defective1 (Sxd1)*

8:45-8:50 Discussion

8:50 Bradley Till, University of Oregon
CRS1: a nucleus-encoded protein required for the splicing of the maize chloroplast *atpF* group II intron

9:05-9:10 Discussion

9:10 Damon Lisch, UC Berkeley
Mutations that affect paramutation also reverse Mu element methylation

9:25-9:30 Discussion

9:30 Elsbeth Walker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Cloning of maize *yellow stripe1 (ys1)*, an iron-regulated gene involved in high affinity Fe(III) uptake

9:45-9:50 Discussion

9:50 Donal M. O'Sullivan, IACR-Long Ashton Research Station
Use of a new maize BAC library to study intra-specific variation at the *Rp1* rust resistance superlocus

10:05-10:10 Discussion

10:10-10:40AM BREAK WITH BEVERAGES

10:40-12:20PM

SESSION 2

Chair: Torbert Rocheford

THE SEED

10:40 Matthew Evans, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Maternal gametophyte effect genes in maize seed development

10:55-11:00 Discussion

11:00 Philip Becraft, Iowa State University

Positional cues specify and maintain aleurone cell fate in endosperm development

11:15-11:20 Discussion

11:20 Kirsten Nielsen, NC State University

Differential response of pathogenic and non-pathogenic fungi to maize ribosome-inactivating protein

11:35-11:40 Discussion

11:40 Brian Scheffler, USDA-ARS-NPURU, University, Mississippi

Molecular characterization of *In-D*: A semi-dominant mutation of the *intensifier* locus

11:55-12:00 Discussion

12:00 Odd-Arne Olsen, Agricultural University of Norway

Genetic dissection of nuclear endosperm development

12:15-12:20 Discussion

12:30-1:30PM LUNCH

1:30-2:30PM

POSTER SESSION 1

Contributors will be at EVEN-NUMBERED posters

2:30-3:30PM

POSTER SESSION 2

Contributors will be at ODD-NUMBERED posters

BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 3:30-4:00

4:00-5:30PM

FORUM:

Strategies/Plans to Enhance Maize Transformation in the Public Sector

Chair: Kelly Dawe

Speaker: Steve Moose, University of Illinois

**Panel: Jeff Bennetzen, Purdue University (Moderator)
Wayne Parrott, University of Georgia
Michael Spencer, Monsanto
Patrick Schnable, Iowa State University
Vicki Chandler, University of Arizona
Lyuda Sidorenko, Iowa State University
Steve Moose, University of Illinois**

6:00-7:00PM DINNER

7:15PM

WORKSHOP: COMPARATIVE GENOMICS

Chair: Cliff Weil

Speakers:

Molly Jahn, Cornell University
Gernot Presting, Clemson University
Andy Kleinhofs, Washington State University

9:30-10:00PM

POSTER SESSION #3

Contributors will be at EVEN-NUMBERED posters

10:00-10:30PM

POSTER SESSION #4

Contributors will be at ODD-NUMBERED posters

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SATURDAY, 18 March

7:00-8:30AM BREAKFAST

8:30-10:10AM

SESSION #3

Chair: Cliff Weil

THE PLANT (PART 1)

8:30 Laurie Smith, University of California-San Diego

Molecular analysis of the *Tangled* gene

8:45-8:50 Discussion

8:50 Mark Lubkowitz, University of California-Berkeley

Assembling a genetic network for regional identity along the proximo-distal axis of the leaf

9:05-9:10 Discussion

9:10 Dave Jackson, Cold Spring Harbor Lab

The *fasciated ear2* gene encodes a leucine rich repeat protein that controls inflorescence and floral development in the maize ear

9:25-9:30 Discussion

9:30 Luzie Wingen, Max-Planck-Institute for Breeding Research

A candidate gene for the *Tunicate1* locus

9:45-9:50 Discussion

9:50 Enrico Scarpella, Institute of Molecular Plant Sciences, Leiden University

A role for the rice homeobox gene *Oshox1* in provascular cell fate commitment

10:05-10:10 Discussion

10:10-10:40AM BREAK WITH BEVERAGES

And now for our exploratory foray into the Concurrent Session Experiment

10:40-12:25 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session # 4 THE GENOME

Session # 5 THE PLANT (Part 2)

Session # 6 THE GENE

Session # 4 THE GENOME

Chair: Kelly Dawe

10:40-10:45 Introduction to session

10:45 Mei Guo, Pioneer Hi-Bred Int. Inc.

Insights into molecular basis of heterosis: mRNA profiles of maize hybrids and inbred parents

11:00-11:05 Discussion

11:05 Anjali Dogra, University of Missouri-Columbia

Dosage dependent control of heterosis

11:20-11:25 Discussion

11:25 Edward Braun, Ohio State University

Uncovering complex patterns of evolution for genes encoding *Myb*-domain proteins

11:40-11:45 Discussion

11:45 Evelyn Hiatt, University of Georgia

The *TR-1* knob repeat exhibits extreme levels of neocentromeric activity

12:00-12:05 Discussion

12:05 Nick Lauter, University of Minnesota

Genetic variation for phenotypically invariant traits detected in teosinte: implications for the evolution of novel forms

12:20-12:25 Discussion

Session #5—THE PLANT (Part 2)

Chair: Neelima Sinha

10:40-10:45 Introduction to session

10:45 Michael Muszynski, Pioneer Hi-Bred Intl. Inc.

Modifying flowering time through modulation of *indeterminate1 (id1)* expression

11:00-11:05 Discussion

11:05 Jennifer Nelson, University of California-Berkeley

Mosaic analysis of a dorsiventral leaf polarity mutant

11:20-11:25 Discussion

11:25 Debbie Laudencia-Chingcuanco, University of California-Berkeley

Indeterminate floral apex 1 is required for maintenance of meristem identity

11:40-11:45 Discussion

11:45 Sharon Kessler, University of California-Davis

Characterization of *xcl*, a mutation affecting planes of cell division

12:00-12:05 Discussion

12:05 Matt Sauer, University of Pennsylvania

EPC, a gene controlling juvenile to adult phase change in maize

12:20-12:25 Discussion

Session #6—THE GENE

Chair: Becky Boston

10:40-10:45 Introduction to session

10:45 Jay Hollick, University of California, Berkeley

Diverse roles of *required to maintain repression (rmr)* factors in gene silencing

11:00-11:05 Discussion

11:05 Subbaiah Chalivendra, University of Illinois

Altered patterns of sucrose synthase phosphorylation and localization precede root tip death in anoxic maize seedlings

11:20-11:25 Discussion

11:25 Brian Dilkes, University of Arizona

Cell cycle regulatory components in the endosperm endoreduplication cycle

11:40-11:45 Discussion

11:45 Binzhang Shen, Rutgers University

Ac tagging and characterization of a terpenoid cyclase gene induced by herbivore damage

12:00-12:05 Discussion

12:05 Suzy Cocciolone, Iowa State University

Regulation of the maize *a1* promoter in transgenic plants

12:20-12:25 Discussion

12:30-1:30PM LUNCH

1:30-2:30PM

POSTER SESSION #5

Contributors will be at ODD-NUMBERED posters

2:30-3:30PM

POSTER SESSION #6

Contributors will be at EVEN-NUMBERED posters

BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 3:30-4:00

4:00 **WORKSHOP: Genomics Resources** Chair: Sue Wessler

Speakers: **Vicki Chandler, University of Arizona**
Functional genomics of chromatin genes

Virginia Walbot, Stanford University
Maize gene discovery project

Jeff Bennetzen, Purdue University
Genomic sequence comparisons between maize BACs and orthologous regions of barley, rice, sorghum and wheat

Ed Coe, USDA-ARS, Columbia, Missouri
Comprehensive genetic, physical, and database resources for maize

Kelly Dawe, University of Georgia
Functional genomics of maize centromeres

Rob Marteinssen, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Center for maize targeted mutagenesis

Lisa Harper, University of California-Berkeley
An integrated map of cytological, genetic and physical information of maize

Ron Phillips, University of Minnesota
Radiation hybrid and cloning system for the genetic and physical mapping of the corn genome

Jo Messing, Rutgers University
The international rice genome sequencing project

Don McCarty, University of Florida
Applied genomics: strategies for efficient molecular analysis of complex genetic systems

6:00-7:00PM *DINNER*

7:30-9:00PM **PLENARY TALKS** Chair: Ben Bowen

7:30 **Graham Moore, John Innes Centre,**
Wheat, a model or commodity--chromosome pairing and polyploidy

8:15 **John Doebley, University of Wisconsin,**
Genetic evidence and the evolution of maize

9:30-10:00PM **POSTER SESSION #7** Contributors will be at ODD-NUMBERED posters

10:00-10:30PM **POSTER SESSION #8** Contributors will be at EVEN-NUMBERED posters

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Sunday, 19 March

7:00-8:30AM BREAKFAST

8:30-10:10AM

SESSION #7

Chair: Becky Boston

THE GENOME

8:30 Mark Settles, University of Florida

Genomic approaches to seed development

8:45-8:50 Discussion

8:50 Jeffrey Wong, University of Illinois

Molecular marker mapping of chromosomal regions associated with carotenoids and tocopherols in maize

9:05-9:10 Discussion

9:10 Jeffry Thornsberry, North Carolina State University

Association tests of candidate genes regulating plant height and flowering time

9:25-9:30 Discussion

9:30 Tim Helentjaris, Pioneer Hi-Bred Int., Inc

Insights from applying expression profiling to female development under stress

9:45-9:50 Discussion

9:50 Peter Carlton, UC Berkeley

Centromeres, telomeres, and meiotic chromosome pairing

10:05-10:10 Discussion

10:10-10:40AM BREAK WITH BEVERAGES

10:40AM MEETING ADJOURNS

LIST OF POSTERS

I Biochemical Genetics

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| 1 | Miguel Cervantes-Cervantes | Preliminary characterization of the geranylgeranylpyrophosphate synthase (GGPPS) gene family of maize. |
| 2 | Prem Chourey | Metabolic analyses of a double mutant of sucrose synthase (SuSy) genes in developing endosperm. |
| 3 | Prem S. Chourey | Analysis of a double mutant of sucrose synthase (SuSy) genes that shows evidence of a third SuSy gene. |
| 4 | Joanna Cross | ADP-Glucose Pyrophosphorylase Activity from Maize-Potato Hybrids |
| 5 | Jorg Degenhardt | Biochemical and molecular characterization of the terpene synthase gene family in <i>Zea mays</i> |
| 6 | Karsten Frenzel | Characterisation of zmKCS, a fl-Ketoacyl-CoA-Synthase from Maize possibly involved in Wax Biosynthesis |
| 7 | Diane Janick-Buckner | Characterization of the camouflage 1 mutant of maize |
| 8 | Kirsten Nielsen | Differential response of pathogenic and non-pathogenic fungi to maize ribosome-inactivating protein |
| 10 | Bruce R Thomas | Regulation of sugar production in cereal seedlings |
| 11 | Elsbeth Walker | Cloning of maize yellow stripe1 (ys1), an iron-regulated gene involved in high affinity Fe(III) uptake. |
| 12 | Jonathan Walton | Functional Genomics of Hemicellulose Biosynthesis |
| 13 | Xuelu Wang | QTL mapping of elongation factor 1-alpha (eEF1A) content and characterization of eEF1A genes in maize endosperm |
| 14 | Chunyuan Wu | Biochemical and reverse genetic analysis of the maize starch debranching enzyme ZPU1 |
| 15 | Eleanore Wurtzel | A heterologous system to identify strategic genes for metabolic engineering of the maize carotenoid biosynthetic pathway. |
| 16 | Galina Zayakina | Highly polymorphic zeins of maize represent a useful source of genetic markers. |

II Cytogenetics

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| 17 | Amie Franklin | Analysis of desynaptic 2 supports an involvement of the Rad51 recombination protein in homologous chromosome synapsis |
| 18 | Inna Golubovskaya | The pam1 gene: Bouquet Formation and Homologous Synapsis |
| 19 | Lisa Harper | Towards an Integrated Map of Cytological and Genetic Information |
| 20 | Eetienne Kaszas | Phosphorylation of histone H3 is correlated with changes in sister chromatid cohesion during meiosis in maize |
| 21 | Yong Li | Development and characterization of maize-Tripsacum F1 hybrid population segregating for apomixis |
| 22 | Joshua Marshall | FRETM as an optical technique to determine molecular interactions in maize kinetochore/centromere on a sub-optical scale |
| 23 | Graham Moore | Wheat, a model or commodity-chromosome pairing and polyploidy |
| 24 | Ron Okagaki | Towards an oat-maize radiation hybrid panel |
| 25 | Brent Page | Evidence For and Evolutionary Relationship Between Chromosome 4 and the B Chromosome, Based on Related Centromere Repeats |
| 26 | Monther Sadler | Comparison of the genetic map to the physical map of molecular markers related to QTLs for resistance against southwestern corn borer (<i>Diatraea grandiosella</i> D.) on pachytene chromosomes using in situ hybridization in maize (<i>Zea mays</i> L.) |
| 27 | Stephen Sowinski | Effect of Abnormal Chromosome 10 on the Frequency of Recombination in maize |
| 28 | Nathan Springer | Epigenetic inheritance of an aneuploid induced phenotype |
| 29 | M. Isabel Vales | Maize-chromosome 9 rearrangements in progenies of oat-maize chromosome 9 radiation hybrids |
| 30 | David F. Weber | Use of the r-X1 Deficiency System to Recover Trisomics for Chromosome 8 in Maize |
| 31 | Pascale Williams | CRP1: A Translational Activator in Maize Chloroplasts |
| 32 | Hong-Guo Yu | Maize single-kinetochore chromosomes can align at the equator by tension-sensitive interactions with opposite spindle poles |
| 33 | Yin-Zhou Zheng | Analysis of a small cluster of B specific repeat sequences in the long arm of the B chromosome |

III Cytoplasmic Inheritance

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| 34 | Christine Chase | Transposon tagging of nuclear genes that regulate mitochondrial gene expression |
| 35 | Chester Dewald | Comparison of Seven Inbred Maize Lines with Their BC-3 Derivatives in <i>Tripsacum</i> Cytoplasm |
| 36 | Susan Gabay-Laughnan | Genetic characterization of CMS-S restorer-of-fertility alleles in Mexican races of maize and teosinte |

IV Developmental Genetics

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| 37 | Debbie L. Alexander | Phenotypic analysis of corkscrew; a recessive mutation affecting shoot development |
| 38 | Robert Baker | Characterization of nl*1179, a mutant affected in leaf development |
| 39 | David Barnes | ramosa2 affects a determinacy switch point in the developing maize inflorescence |
| 40 | Peter Bommert | Analysis of embryo-specific mutants in <i>Zea mays</i> reveals that radial organization of the maize proembryo precedes the establishment of the shoot apical meristem |

41	David Braun	Genes controlling later events in leaf development: <i>liguleless1</i> and <i>tie-dyed1</i>
42	Gladys Cassab	Three maize root-specific genes are not correctly expressed in regenerated caps in the absence of the quiescent center
43	Andrew Doust	Inflorescence development in <i>Setaria</i>
44	Matthew Evans	Maternal Gametophyte Effect Genes in Maize Seed Development
45	Marcelo Friedlender	Activation of maize defense markers by <i>Les9</i>
46	Giulini A. Gavazzi G.	Characterization of maize mutants affecting embryogenesis
47	Angela Hay	Characterization of the dominant leaf mutation <i>Wab</i> (<i>Wavy Auricles in Blades</i>).
48	Momoyo Ito	Epidermal cell differentiation and radial pattern formation in grass embryogenesis.
49	Lynne Jesaitis	<i>laminata</i> coleoptile is required for coleoptile identity and normal leaf pattern
50	Nick Kaplinsky	<i>rgo1</i> and <i>ids1</i> interact to control spikelet meristem identity and new spikelet identity mutants.
51	Michael Kolomiets	Characterization of <i>clear spot-1 (csp1)</i> , a disease lesion mimic mutant of maize.
52	Yew Lee	To understand how plants sense
53	Jun Lim	Radial patterning during regeneration of the root apical meristem in maize
54	Mark Lubkowitz	Discerning the function of <i>liguleless3</i> in leaf development: a search for downstream targets
55	Paula McSteen	<i>barren inflorescence2 (bif2)</i> , <i>barren stalk1 (ba1)</i> , <i>Barren inflorescence1 (Bif1)</i> and <i>Suppressor of sessile spikelet1 (Sos1)</i> : multiple pathways for axillary meristem development in the maize inflorescence
56	Jennifer Moon	Cloning and Characterization of Maize <i>Lazy-1</i>
57	M.G. Neuffer	Diurnal Response of Selected Chlorophyll Mutants Under Different Combinations of Light and Temperature
58	Asuka Nishimura	Analyses of genes involved in the lateral organ formation from the shoot apical meristem
59	Odd-Arne Olsen	Genetic dissection of nuclear endosperm development
60	Woong June Park	Tissue-specific Expression of <i>AUX1</i> in Maize Roots
61	Scott Poethig	The phase-specific identity of a leaf is specified after leaf initiation
62	Dorien Postma-Haarsma	CHARACTERIZATION OF KNOX CLASS HOMEBOX GENES FROM RICE
63	Peter Rogowsky	<i>Esr</i> genes show different levels of expression in the same region of maize endosperm
64	Mark Running	Mutations in <i>thick tassel dwarf 1</i> affect meristem function
65	Matt Sauer	<i>EPC</i> , a gene controlling juvenile to adult phase change in maize
66	Ruairidh Sawers	<i>Bundle Sheath Defective2 (BSD2)</i> ; a novel protein required for the accumulation of RuBisCO
67	Michael Scanlon	Clonal analysis of <i>NS1</i> , cloning of <i>ns2?</i> : progress toward elucidating the function of the narrow sheath duplicate genes during maize leaf development.
68	Enrico Scarpella	A role for the rice homeobox gene <i>Oshox1</i> in provascular cell fate commitment
69	Susanne Hansen	Expression analysis of <i>ZmMADS1</i> and <i>ZmMADS3</i> in different tissue cultures of maize
70	Anne W. Sylvester	Observing the predictability of random events during leaf development: Analysis of <i>rli1-warty</i> and other cell pattern mutants.
71	George Theodoris	Characterization of genes involved in organ development in maize
72	Bruce R Thomas	Maize beta-glucanases - multiple genes and multiple roles in plant development
73	Leszek Vincent	Developing systematic descriptors and containment hierarchies for maize

74	Erik Vollbrecht	Characterization of <i>ramosa1</i> , a gene regulating indeterminacy in the maize inflorescence
75	Luzie U. Wingen	A candidate gene for the <i>Tunicate1</i> locus
76	Yuan Zhang	Glucocorticoid Inducible <i>cr4</i> Transcription in Transgenic Maize

V Genome Structure/Syteny

77	Chris Carson	Mutant Mapping in the Missouri Maize Project
78	Doug Davis	Progress On Maize Whole-Genome Radiation Hybrids
79	Georgia Davis	A High-Resolution Genetic Map of the B73 x Mo17 Population.
80	Michael Freeling	Announcing: The "Grass Hybrids" Public Database and Website
81	Huihua Fu	Genomic organization of the highly recombinogenic <i>bz</i> region of maize
82	Shailesh Lal	Gene discovery using the maize genome database ZmDB
83	Bruce May	Maize Targeted Mutagenesis: A Knockout Resource for the Maize Community
84	Wade Odland	Current and future uses of oat-maize addition and radiation hybrid lines
85	Leonore Reiser	The Arabidopsis Information Resource (TAIR)
86	David Remington	EVALUATING DISEQUILIBRIUM AMONG POLYMORPHISMS WITHIN AND BETWEEN CANDIDATE GENES IN MAIZE
87	Hector Sanchez-Villeda	MaizeDB - Gateway to All Public Maize Genome Data.
88	Steve Schroeder	Data Management in the Missouri Maize Project
89	David Selinger	Comparison of nucleotide substitutions and multi-base insertions in <i>b</i> alleles from <i>Zea mays</i> ssp and <i>Zea luxurians</i> suggests a relatively recent origin for most insertions.
90	Natalya Sharopova	Microsatellites in maize - development and mapping.
91	Xianghe Yan	Use of the transposon <i>Ac</i> as a gene-searching engine in the maize genome.

VI Molecular Genetics

92	Greenland Andy	Nuclear expression of <i>T-urf13</i> in the tapetum mimics male sterility in CMS-T maize.
93	Donald Auger	Nuclear dosage effects on mitochondrial gene expression
94	Don Baldwin	Transcript profiling of the maize defense response to a fungal pathogen and its toxin, a histone deacetylase inhibitor
95	Deverie K. Bongard	SNP discovery using the maize EST database.
96	Brent Buckner	Sequence analysis of a recessive allele of the <i>y1</i> gene of maize
97	Anne Bunner	Characterization of two Novel Arginine/Serine-Rich Splicing Factors that are Differentially Spliced in Maize
98	Todd Christensen	Identification and Characterization of Seven Rop GTPases in Maize
99	Maureen Clancy	Maize <i>shrunken1</i> first intron-mediated enhancement of gene expression
100	Kathryn Clayton	Construction of a consensus SSR map for maize using a high-throughput marker screening system
101	Cintia M. Coelho	Genetic control of endosperm endoreduplication and modes of maternal control
102	Jennifer Cooper	Chromosome Arm Aneuploidy Causes Dosage Effects on <i>sucrose synthase1</i> and <i>shrunken1</i> RNA levels in maize plants
103	Chuck Dietrich	Characterization of the maize <i>gl8</i> gene family and its role in the fatty acid elongase complex.
104	Brian Dilkes	Cell cycle regulatory components in the endosperm endoreduplication cycle.
105	Anjali Dogra	Dosage dependent control of heterosis

106	Jane Dorweiler	<i>Mediator of Paramutation2</i> is a dominant inhibitor of the establishment of paramutation
107	Cynthia Ernst	Utility of marker assisted selection for introgression of commercially important genes into elite germplasm
108	Wolfgang Goettel	Heritable allelic interaction between <i>P-pr</i> and <i>P-rr</i>
109	John Gray	A CHLOROPLAST PROTECTIVE FUNCTION FOR <i>lls1</i> (<i>lethal leaf-spot 1</i>) IN PLANTS ?
110	Baozhu Guo	Identification of a gene at the syntenic <i>sh2-a1</i> region in maize acting as a QTL affecting silk maysin synthesis
111	Mei Guo	Insights into Molecular Basis of Heterosis: mRNA Profiles of Maize Hybrids and Inbred Parents
112	Jose Gutierrez-Marcos	Imprinted genes in maize endosperm
113	Linda Harris	Maize/Gibberella ear rot- maize genes induced in the plant/pathogen interaction
114	Linda Harris	Maize genomics at ECORC
115	Tim Helentjaris	Insights from applying expression profiling to female development under stress.
116	Zihua Hu	Genome-scale RNA profiling of parentally imprinted genes in maize endosperm
117	Jinsheng Lai	Stable expression of the high methionine storage protein gene in transgenic progenies of various maize inbred lines
118	Carolyn Lawrence	Rooting the Kinesin Tree: A Phylogenomic Analysis
119	Jin Li	Site-selected Mutagenesis of the <i>rad51b</i> Gene in Maize
120	Dennis J. McCormac	Translation of the chloroplast <i>atpB/E</i> mRNA requires a nuclear gene in maize.
121	Venugopal Mikkilineni	Genomic Organization of the Fatty Acid Desaturase-2 (FAD-2) EST's in Maize.
122	Snezana Mladenovic Drinic	Chromatin polymorphism dependent gene expression in maize
123	Rita-Ann Monde	Genetic analysis of thylakoid protein targeting
124	Daniel Moran	Expression of a wheat high molecular weight glutenin in transgenic maize: A comparison of seed-specific promoters.
125	Rebecca J. Mroczek	ANALYSIS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ABNORMAL-10 CHROMOSOME OF MAIZE
126	Jorge Nieto-Sotelo	Characterization of five maize <i>hsp101-m::Mu</i> lines obtained by reverse genetics
127	E. Owusuwaa Owusu	The Maize Tousled-Like Kinase Gene Family
128	UTA PASZKOWSKI	<i>dinf1</i> and <i>nope1</i> , two mycorrhiza-specific mutants in maize
129	Varaporn Sangtong	Expression and inheritance of a wheat endosperm storage protein in maize
130	Yutaka Sato	Knock-out the <i>knox</i> genes
131	David Selinger	Characterization of a tissue-specific gene silencing phenomenon involving <i>B-Bolivia</i> and CaMV 35S/B chimeric transgenes.
132	Binzhang Shen	Ac tagging and characterization of a terpenoid cyclase gene induced by herbivore damage
133	Lyudmila Sidorenko	Novel type of P1-rr suppression is caused by transgene carrying full length P1-rr promoter
134	David Skibbe	Characterization of the <i>Zea mays</i> Aldehyde Dehydrogenase Gene Family
135	Karolin Stahl	Expression of the DIMBOA biosynthesis genes
136	Maike Stam	The involvement of long distance communication in a natural case of gene silencing in plants, paramutation at the <i>b</i> locus in maize
137	Ann Stapleton	Wax helps: the <i>glossy1</i> mutant is more sensitive to ultraviolet radiation by some physiological measures
138	Shannon Stenhjem	Identification of genes transcribed from a QTL
139	Masaharu Suzuki	Conservation of maize VP1 function in the dicot, <i>Arabidopsis</i> .
140	Richard Thompson	<i>rgf</i> , a mutation reducing grain filling in maize through effects on basal

141	Mark van Haaren	endosperm and pedicel development
142	Rik van Wijk	High resolution AFLP/Æ genetic maps of Maize
143	Hong Yao	Linkage Map Integration: An integrated genetic map of Zea mays L.
144	Suling Zhao	Characterization of the 140-kb Multigenic a1-sh2 Interval Phosphate Transporters in Maize

VII Quantitative Traits

145	Edward Bruggeman	Relationships between yield, stability, and density tolerance
146	Shaun Bushman	Genetics of Chlorogenic Acid and Maysin Synthesis in Maize Silks
147	Ana Butron	Effect of p1 locus on synthesis of silk maysin, apimaysin, 3'-methoximaysin and chlorogenic acid in maize
148	Nick Lauter	Genetic variation for phenotypically invariant traits detected in teosinte: implications for the evolution of novel forms
149	Cesar Lopez	Heterotic Patterns Among Elite Flint Maize Populations from Argentina
150	Larissa Wilson	Associating Phenotypic Traits With Sequence Variation in Maize id1

VIII Transposable Elements

151	Ryuji Ishikawa	New members of RiceMutaor elements by deletion and non-homologous recombination with ectopic DNA segments
152	Ning Jiang	Tourist traps in the maize genome
153	Richard Langham	<i>MuDR-like Sequences are Widespread in the Grasses</i>
154	Zenaida V. Magbanua	ASSESSING THE UTILITY OF MITES AS MOLECULAR MARKERS
155	Adriano Marocco	Study of the chilling-induced chlorosis by using the virescent mutants of maize.
156	Robert Meeley	An Overview And Some Observations From Work On Mutator-Based Reverse Genetics
157	Christine Schaefer	Development of an En/Spm transposon system for barley
158	Richard Slotkin	Transposition Frequency of <i>Rescue Mu</i>
159	Xianghe Yan	Jittery, a low-copy, Mu-related transposon apparently mobilized by BSMV infection
160	Xiaoyu Zhang	mPIF Elements: Possible Non-autonomous Members of the PIF
161	Jianbo Zhang	Transposable Elements Non-linear Ac/Ds transposition and maize genome reorganization

Memorial in Honor of Earl B. Patterson

Earl B. Patterson passed away on Saturday May 1, 1999. He was 75 years old. He is survived by his children, Mark and Anne. His wife Betty passed away August 1, 1999.

His name is synonymous with the Maize Genetics Cooperation Stock Center whose current thriving status is attributable, in large measure, to his unstinting effort in its behalf. His deep imprint also remains with the annual Maize Genetics Conference, which he organized and presided over through the 60s, 70s and early 80s.

Earl Patterson was born on a farm in southeastern Nebraska near the town of Reynolds, on July 21, 1923, the youngest of nine unusually gifted children in a closely-knit family of four girls and five boys. Earl attended the University of Nebraska where, in 1947, after serving three years in the U.S. armed services during WWII, he received his B.S. degree in technical science, graduating first in his class. Dr. Frank Keim, long-time head of the Department of Agronomy at the University of Nebraska, and a genetics teacher who was familiar with Earl's excellent qualifications and interest in the subject, encouraged him to pursue advanced studies with Dr. E. G. Anderson, himself of Nebraska origin, at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Upon Dr. Keim's recommendation, Earl's application was accepted and his graduate years were spent in the Biology Division at Cal Tech with Dr. Anderson as his mentor. He received his Ph.D. degree in genetics at that institution in 1952, and stayed at Cal Tech for another year as a postdoctoral fellow.

In 1953 Earl accepted a position in the Departments of Botany and Agronomy at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Here he was responsible for the Maize Genetics Cooperation Stock Center which had just been moved from Cornell University to Urbana. Two years later, in 1955, he became project leader of that program in the Department of Agronomy. Earlier maintenance of the maize genetic stocks at Cornell led to selection of strains that were adapted to the short growing season at Ithaca but only poorly suited to culture in the Corn Belt and most other corn growing regions. As a result, Earl Patterson's first task in his new position at Illinois was to commence the conversion of these many genetic stocks to inbred and hybrid backgrounds that were better adapted to most corn growing regions. Earl maintained the stock center through these formative years until 1966 when he relinquished his stock center responsibilities to concentrate on research. Earl's research focused on the isolation and characterization of male sterility mutants in maize. He found numerous new nuclear male-sterile mutations. When Southern Corn Leaf Blight, a disease specific to T-type male-sterile cytoplasm, struck the hybrid corn industry, seed companies reverted to manual detasselling. Earl developed a method to use his nuclear male-sterile traits to replace cms-T to avoid detasselling. Combining his male-sterile traits with various chromosomal aberration stocks, he developed a new method for producing hybrid corn seed. This work resulted in the issuing of two patents.

In 1977, Earl stepped up to fill the gap left by the retirement from teaching of the head instructor of the introductory genetics course. He was lead instructor for this course, in collaboration with faculty from the Animal Sciences Department, until 1987. The average enrollment was 80-90 students per semester.

When the Director position at the Maize Genetics Cooperation Stock Center again became vacant in 1986, Larry Schrader, then Head of the Agronomy Department at Illinois, persuaded Earl to resume management of the Stock Center. It was to the great benefit of all maize researchers that Earl returned to that position at a time when future support and direction of the center were uncertain. He continued that effort until his retirement in 1993.

Earl always gave "distribution" of seed stocks very special attention. On each request for seed, he brought to bear his encyclopedic knowledge of maize genetics lore. A request for seeds often resulted in the shipment of more packets than requested because of Earl's uncanny ability to anticipate needs and problems associated with growing and handling the items requested. All manner of useful suggestions were likely to be found in the letters that accompanied the packets of seeds requested. There is no doubt that a collection of letters that Earl has sent in response to seed requests over the years would be a valuable resource for maize geneticists.

While the Maize Genetics Cooperation Stock Center is today well supported and a thriving organization, it was not always so. In its earlier years at Illinois, funds for its operation were uncertain and often meager. With an improved internal status for the Stock Center in recent years has come increased support from the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and in 1992 this agency assumed responsibility for operations and funding of the program. To Earl, whose labors, and sometime frustrations, have been so closely associated with the development of the Stock Center, the strong position that it has recently achieved was a source of great satisfaction and pride.

In 1958, Earl Patterson along with John Laughnan, Ed Coe, and Gerry Neuffer, talked about the possibility of an annual informal get-together of maize geneticists and their graduate students. The first meeting was in January 1959, and took place at Allerton Park, a part of a farm facility owned by the University of Illinois and located just outside of Monticello, Illinois. There were about twelve participants at that first meeting, so few that it could be held in the quite small Oak Room in Allerton Park House. These maize meetings as they came to be called were delightfully informal and grew in numbers of participants over the years. They were presided over by Earl. He made all the arrangements for use of the facility and dates of the meetings each year. He sent out notices of meetings to potential participants and arranged for ground transportation to Allerton House. There was no prearranged program of speakers; participants would arrive on Friday evening and at that time or early the next morning Earl would talk with people interested in sharing their research experiences and in that way developed a program for the get-together. At first, there was no need for a microphone, even for the most soft-spoken individuals, but as the meetings grew in size it necessarily moved to amplification. Earl introduced the speakers, adjusted the microphone, operated the overhead, arranged for the right kind of soft chalk and erased the blackboard, all with a special finesse that earned for him the position of permanent chair of all sessions. In addition to all these things Earl presided over the gene mapping sessions usually held on Saturday evenings. As the meetings grew in size, it was recognized that some modest level of organization was needed. Earl's suggestion of establishing a steering committee for the annual meetings was approved by the maize group. Today this committee continues to serve an important function in the Maize Genetics community.

After 25 years, the maize meetings grew to such a size that Allerton House could no longer accommodate them and so, regretfully, the maize genetics community was obliged to move the meetings from this treasured site. This past March the 41st annual meeting of maize geneticists, now called the Maize Genetics Conference, was held at the Grand Geneva Convention Center in Lake Geneva, WI, with over 400 teachers and researchers in attendance. Younger members of the maize genetics group are probably not acquainted with Earl Patterson nor aware of the reverence in which the Allerton meetings are still held by their predecessors. However, they should know that it was Earl who established the original format for these meetings and successfully propagated the informal atmosphere that is still recognizable in the present-day meetings, in spite of their size.

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