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**Invitation Letter No.1**

***Dear colleagues!***

On behalf of M.I. Vavilov Society of Geneticists and Breeders of Ukraine (**VSGBU**) we are pleased to invite you to the **XIII International Scientific Conference** **«Factors in Experimental Evolution of Organisms»**, dedicated to the 100 years anniversary of the foundation of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. The conference will take place on **September 17–21 2018** in the city of Yaremche (Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, Ukraine) at the “Arnika” educational and recreational center of Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University located in a beautiful region of the Ukrainian Carpathians.

The scientific work of the Conference will be organized in the **following areas:**

1. **Genome Evolution in Nature and in Experiment**
2. **General and Population Genetics**
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4. **Applied Genetics and Breeding**
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**Working languages:** Ukrainian, English, Russian.

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**This periodical is included into the List of specialized scientific periodicals of Ukraine in the field of biology (The Order of the Ministry of education and sciences of Ukraine of October 10, 2017 N1413) and to Index Copernicus database (ICV 2016 = 43,68).**

All materials presented to the conference as academic papers will be published in the periodical in original language (Ukrainian, English or Russian) only after prepayment. The publication fee, which is equivalent to **20 Euros** for **VSGBU members**, and **35 Euros for other participants**, must be paid before **March 1, 2018** into account of VSGBU: Kyiv, AT Raiffeisen Bank Aval MFO 380805, account 26001247064, EDRPOU (GCEO) 21 676 925 with an indication of **only the first author’s surname**. Since society does not have a foreign currency account, foreign participants can transfer money to the treasurer of the Society (03680, Kyiv, Acad. Zabolotnogo str., 150, Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics NAS of Ukraine *for* ***Poronnik Oksana Oleksandrivna*** on demand).

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*Note.* M – molecular mass marker.

*Notes:* \* callus-derived regenerants (primer A11), M – molecular mass marker.

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**Example of illustration**

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Fig. 1. Map of sampled populations of *G.lutea* in the Ukrainian Carpathians (represented by grayed circles). Kr – polonyna (mountain grassland) Krachuneska; Tr – the ridge slope between Troyaska and Tataruka Mountains; Sh – Sheshul and Pavlyk Mts.; Po – Pozhizhevska Mt.; HT – Hutyn Tomnatek Mt.; Le – polonyna Lemska.

**Example of table**

Table 1. Primers with the highest values of discriminating power (DL) selected for the use in population genetic studies of *G. lutea*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Primer | Rp\* | DL\* | ND30 | Nt\*\* | ND86estimated | ND86experimental |
| 1 | UBC#807 | 11.9 | 0.967 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 4 |
| 2 | UBC#811 | 12.3 | 0.964 | 1 | 38 | 8.4 | 3 |
| 3 | A18 | 7.7 | 0.956 | 5 | 21 | 42.0 | 52 |
| 4 | UBC#840 | 7.2 | 0.953 | 5 | 23 | 50.4 | 21 |
| 5 | А07 | 5.4 | 0.953 | 6 | 26 | 50.4 | 24 |
| 6 | UBC#889 | 8.7 | 0.953 | 7 | 26 | 50.4 | 20 |
| 7 | UBC#835 | 4.7 | 0.951 | 7 | 25 | 58.8 | 16 |
| 8 | ERF-F | 9.1 | 0.949 | 8 | 23 | 67.2 | 56 |
| 9 | MYB | 7.7 | 0.949 | 8 | 22 | 67.2 | 106 |
| 10 | 1962 | 6.1 | 0.949 | 8 | 17 | 67.2 | 58 |
| 11 | B01 | 5.5 | 0.944 | 10 | 20 | 84.0 | 34 |
| 12 | A19 | 7.3 | 0.942 | 11 | 18 | 70.2 | 28 |

*Notes:* \* – value calculated for the sample of plants of two populations (n = 30); \*\* – value calculated for the sample of plants of six populations (n = 86).

**Example of abstract**

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**COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF *IRIS PUMILA* L. POPULATIONS STATUS IN UKRAINE**

***Aim***. *Iris pumila* L. (Iridaceae), typical steppe xerophyte, which is protected in several regions of Ukraine. Area of the species range has suffered a significant decline and fragmentation over the recent centuries. The comprehensive population studies were conducted to elucidate the effects of these processes and determine the indices that can be used as well-timed signals of species extinction risk. ***Methods***. Ecological and population studies were combined with ISSR-analysis of genetic diversity to characterize the populations of *I. pumila*. ***Results***. A number of population and ecological indicators suggests that *I. pumila* in Ukraine may be referred to regressive species threatened by genetic erosion. Moreover, the results of ISSR-analysis of plants from four populations in Mykolayiv and Poltava regions showed relatively high levels of the species genetic diversity and weak divergence of isolated populations. ***Conclusions***. The reduction and fragmentation of *I. pumila* habitat first of all is accompanied by decline in ecological and population indicators, but depletion of the populations’ gene pool occurs much slower. To adequately determine the risk of genetic erosion in particular species, apart from assessment of population and ecological indicators, evaluation of species genetic resources using molecular markers is needed.

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