

## ORAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 1 AUGUST 2021

**ISGPB2021** virtual symposium will cover research topics in grapevine physiology and biotechnology under the theme of "Grapevine Interactions".

This is an exciting time in grapevine sciences, where increasingly we seek to understand the genetic potential of grapevines, while studying and unravelling the complex interactions between the plant and its environment. Grapevine science can be enriched by knowledge generated in a diverse array of model systems and therefore we invited some keynote speakers not working on grapevine specifically, but are leading experts in some of the themes of the symposium. Here we highlight two of the keynotes speakers, **Professor Jill Farrant and Professor Jan van Kan**.

**Prof Jill Farrant** will be delivering a keynote address on 'Resurrection plants as models for production of extremely drought tolerant crops' (preliminary title). She is currently Full Professor and SARCHI Research Chair in Systems biology studies on plant desiccation tolerance for food security at the University of Cape Town. Professor Farrant is an acknowledged world leader in the field of plant desiccation tolerance having received 10 national and international awards, including the L'Oreal-UNESCO award in life sciences (2012) and the EPFL WISH Foundation Erma Hamburger award (2015) for 'ground-breaking work in phytology. [To read more click here.](#)

**Prof Jan van Kan**, Professor of Plant Physiology at Wageningen University in the Netherlands will be delivering a keynote address at the symposium. The preliminary title of the presentation is 'How to prosper on grape berries: the tricks and treats of Botrytis infection processes'. Prof van Kan plays an instrumental role in the development of fungal model systems such as Botrytis and his insight into fungal-plant pathosystems will provide excellent context for the biotic interactions theme of the conference. [To read more click here.](#)

## DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The Oral abstract submission deadline has been extended to 1 August 2021. Please note that the registration deadlines have also been adjusted.

Please ensure you [visit our website](#) to follow the instruction on how to submit your abstract and register.

### REVISED DEADLINE

**Oral Submission:**

1 Aug

**Abstract Oral selection completed & confirmed:**

30 Aug

**Poster abstract submission:**

30 Sept

**Early Bird Registration Closes:**

6 Sept

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We are looking forward to receive your submissions and registrations and remain committed to organise an exciting event.



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