

COST Action CA18111 (PlantEd)

“GENOME EDITING IN PLANTS - A TECHNOLOGY WITH TRANSFORMATIVE POTENTIAL”

1st Conference Announcement

(2nd Announcement will be on the website when constructed)

1st PlantEd conference Plant Genome Editing - State of the Art

5 – 7 November 2019

Novi Sad, Serbia

Including:

Open conference; Working Group meetings; Management Committee Meeting

Scope of the Conference

1st PlantEd conference within [COST Action 18111 \(PlantEd\)](#) will be the extended three days joint meeting of Action Working Groups and Management Committee, together with an open-to-all scientific introduction dedicated to genome editing technology in plants. This will be a suitable platform for dissemination of the Actions ideas through Working Groups: WG1-Technical platforms, WG2-Impact assessment, WG3-Policies and regulations, WG4-Perceptions and opinions – all with a focus on genome editing in plants.

This conference will gather experts from various backgrounds from science to industry and through the scientific part of the conference will introduce all participants to the powerful transformative technology of genome editing and its applications in plants. The outcome of the conference will help shaping the activities of the COST Action PlantEd (and beyond) over the next four years. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking among the various disciplines and sectors that have an interest in plant genome editing.

Tentative Program (under development)

Day 1 (5 Nov)

Action internal meetings

Registration of participants

Individual Working Group meetings

Combined Working Group meetings and general meetings of all WG members

Day 2 (6 Nov)

Open conference

Morning session:

Registration of participants

Official opening ceremony of the conference

Plenary lecture by the Action Chair

Plenary lectures by invited speakers

Afternoon session:

Four parallel sessions based on the Action Working Groups

Poster session; announcement of winner of the Poster Award

Evening:

Social dinner

Day 3 (7 Nov)

Open conference

Morning session:

Plenary lectures by invited speakers

Interactive networking opportunities (cont. in the afternoon)

Action internal meetings

Afternoon session:

Management Committee meeting (also open to anyone interested to observe)

Registration

Registration deadline: **1 October 2019**

Registration should be made by e-mail to [redacted] at [redacted]@gmail.com

For registration, please state name, affiliation and contact information (e-mail).

For all Action participants: please indicate if you will participate in 1) WG meeting and/or 2) Open conference.

For Action Management Committee members: please indicate the same as above, as well as if you will participate in the MC meeting.

The maximum total number of conference participants is limited to 130.

There is no registration fee. Action participants may in addition be eligible for reimbursement of costs for travel and accommodation. The number of Action participants that will be reimbursed is limited and will be based on active participation, including at WG meetings, MC meeting, invited conference speakers and those selected among the submitted abstracts (see below). The official e-COST invitation (*which is necessary for reimbursement*) to Action participants that have been selected for reimbursement will be sent out not later than 7 October 2019.

Abstract submission

Abstract submission deadline: **15 September 2019**

Abstract submission should be made by e-mail to [redacted] at [redacted]@slu.se

Please indicate if you wish to give an oral presentation or a poster presentation.

N.B. After submitting an abstract, you will still need to register for the conference by sending an e-mail to [redacted] (see above).

LOGISTICS NOTE

LOCAL ORGANIZER



Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment, University of Novi Sad



Local organizer contact persons:

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ACCOMODATION

Accommodation during meeting is optional. There are lots of hotels in Novi Sad. We suggest the following:

Alexander Hotel, ****

Bulevar Cara Lazara 79, Novi Sad, Serbia
<http://hotel-aleksandar.rs>
E-mail: repcija@aleksandar-hotel.com

Hotel Centar, ****

Uspenska 1
21000 Novi Sad, Serbia
<https://hotel-centar.rs>
E-mail: repcija@hotel-centar.rs

Hotel Voyager, ****

Stražilovska 16
21000 Novi Sad, Serbia
<http://www.voyagers.co.rs/>
E-mail: voyageragencija@sbb.rs

All hotel services have to be paid in Serbian dinars (RSD) in cash or by cards. You can pay with credit cards almost everywhere and it is safe to pay by them.

Conference venue

Rectorate building

Address: No.1 Dr Zorana Đinđića Street, The Campus of the University of Novi Sad

The conference will be held in the newly built Rectorate building of the University of Novi Sad which was officially opened in 2013. The building covers space of 5000 square meters and has modern and multifunctional equipment. The amphitheater has capacity of 180 guests and all technical logistics. Besides amphitheater, there are more multifunctional conference rooms, exhibition areas, University club, Central library, research centers, offices, parking garage and regular parking, etc. The location of the building is quite impressive as it is integrated into the University park, only 50 meters from river Danube.



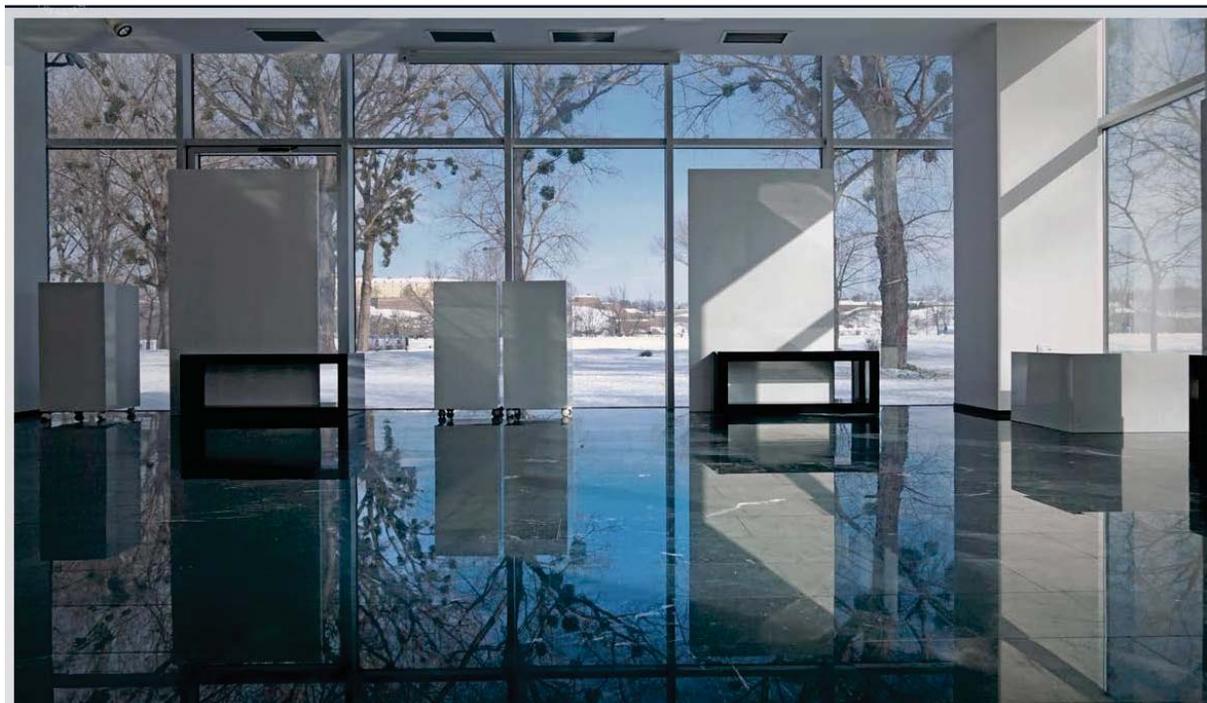
Rectorate building <http://www.uns.ac.rs/>

Amphitheater





Conference room



Conference hall

MEALS AND SOCIAL DINNER

Lunch and coffee breaks during meeting

Lunch and 2 coffee breaks will be served at University cafeteria on all meeting days. It will cost 2000 RSD/day (Serbian dinars) aprox. 17 EUR/day and must be paid in cash on the desk during registration.

Social dinner

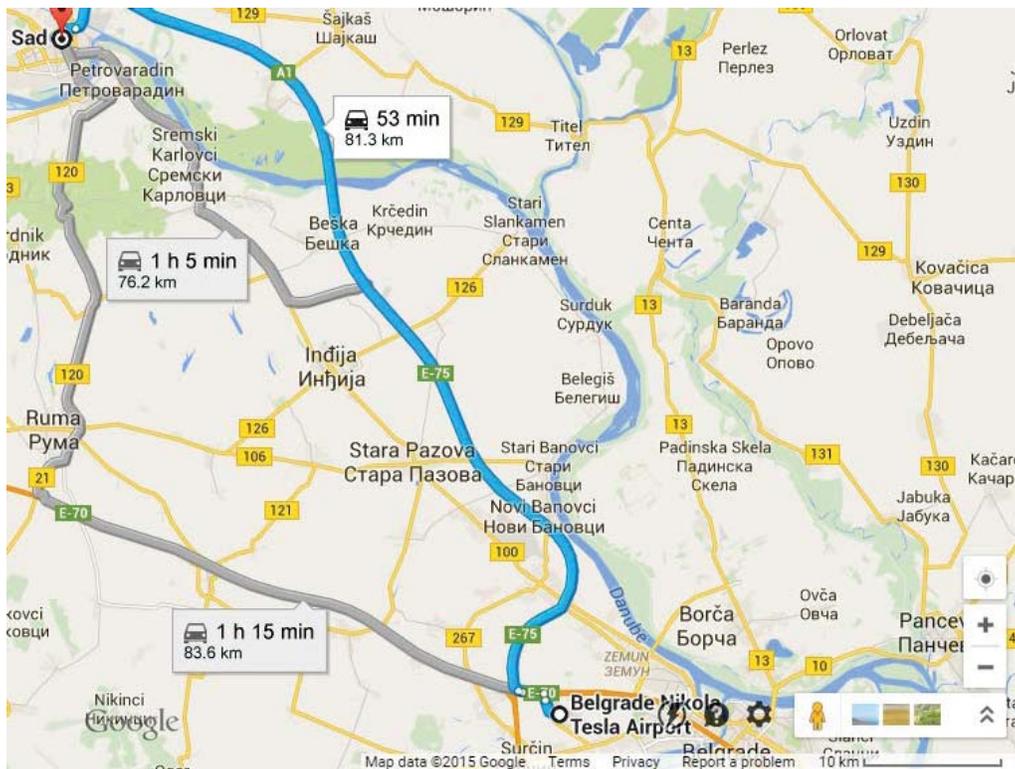
A social dinner will be provided in the Restaurant (to be announced in the logistic note No. 2). Participants should pay 3000 RSD, aprox. 25 EUR for the Social dinner on the desk, in cash, during registration. On the other meeting days, there are no fixed dinner plan.

TRANSFER: BELGRADE AIRPORT – NOVI SAD and NOVI SAD – BELGRADE AIRPORT

The price for one way transport will be 2000 RSD aprox. 17 EUR per person from Belgrade Airport „Nikola Tesla“ to Novi Sad (payment has to be in RSD and every participant must paid to the driver in cash and should ask the receipt from the driver).

Each participant has to exchange money (at the Belgrade airport there are ATM and Exchange offices). Each participant will be welcomed by a host at the airport after the arrival gate (recognizable by PlantEd notification) and host will help participants to board the car and transfer to Novi Sad to the hotel. The same procedure will be on the departure date from Novi Sad to Belgrade Airport.

Today the exchange rate is 1 EUR = 117.60 RSD, but exchange rate is not fixed and it slightly changes each day. Also, exchange rate could be different at different exchange offices.



Transfer route Belgrade airport Nikola Tesla to Novi Sad

If someone prefers to have a sightseeing tour to Belgrade first, all the details could find at:

<http://www.beg.aero/en/strana/8811/autobus> - going by BUS to Belgrade (Line A1 and 72)

<http://www.beg.aero/en/strana/8871/from-belgrade-airport> - going by TAXI to Belgrade

Due to the reconstruction of the railways on the Belgrade - Novi Sad route this kind of transportation will not be an option on the meeting days!!!!

ABOUT NOVI SAD

Novi Sad is the largest city of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina , the northern province of the Republic of Serbia, as well as the headquarters of provincial authorities and the administrative center of the South Bačka District. The city is located on the border of the regions of Bačka and Srem, on the banks of the river Danube, the Pannonian plain and the northern slopes of Fruška Gora .

After Belgrade, Novi Sad is the second largest town in Serbia in terms of population. According to the final results of the census from 2011., the administrative territory of the City of Novi Sad has lived 341,625 inhabitants, while in Novi Sad solely live 250.439 inhabitants.

Established in 1694 the Novi Sad has long been a center of Serbian culture, which was named "Serbian Athens". Today, Novi Sad is a large industrial and financial center of the Serbian economy, and Centre of Education with Public and Private Universities, Scientific, Medical, Political, Trade and Administrative center of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. It is a cultural centre as well with several Museums, Galleries, Libraries and Theaters. The city hosted many International and Domestic Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Sporting events.

Touristic information

<http://novisad.travel/en/>

WEATHER

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/rs/novi-sad/298486/may-weather/298486>

Weather in autum could be windy with average temperature in November of $11/3$ °C

NOVI SAD



City Hall



Main City square

SOME IMPRESSIONS



City Hall at main square



Orthodox church



Most Duga (Rainbow bridge)



Main square and Catholic church



Vojvodina Parliament



Petrovaradin fortress



Modena street (Center)

Welcome to Novi Sad!

