

Rules for abstract submissions, poster guidelines and “Roland Vencovsky” award

*10th International Meeting on Plant Breeding & 5^o Encontro Paulista de
Melhoramento de Plantas*

1. The presenting author must be registered for the event.
2. Abstract submission can be made at any time between 22/07/2026 and 02/09/2026.
3. Only abstracts within the scope of the event that consider the following areas will be considered for presentation:
 - 3.1. Population Genetics, Evolution, Conservation and Cytogenetics;
 - 3.2. Molecular Genetics and Systems Biology;
 - 3.3. Quantitative Genetics, Statistical Genetics and Genetic Breeding.
4. It is mandatory to indicate the thematic area to which the work belongs on the registration form.
5. Each participant can submit and present only one study but may be a co-author of others.
6. Abstracts must be submitted exclusively via the [Doity Platform](#). Only .DOC and .DOCX files will be accepted.
7. Submit only original abstracts (unpublished study).
 - 7.1. Descriptions of projects, literature reviews, work intentions, or previously published works will not be accepted;
 - 7.2. Ongoing research projects are eligible for submission.
8. Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the Event's Scientific Committee, and those selected for the “Roland Vencovsky” award will be notified.
 - 8.1. The **Event Scientific Committee** will consist of GVENCK members and guest researchers or professionals who will give lectures or conduct mini-courses during the event.
 - 8.2. The analysis will cover the following aspects: clearly defined relevant objectives, appropriate methodology, results presented clearly, and pertinent conclusions;

- 8.3. The quality of the text (grammar, spelling, and typing) is the responsibility of the author and will be considered as an evaluation criterion by the Scientific Committee;
- 8.4. Abstracts that do not adhere to the delineated areas and provided guidelines will be disqualified.

9. Abstract Guidelines:

- 9.1. **Research title:** Written in uppercase (maximum of 20 words);
- 9.2. **Authors:** Names must be listed in the appropriate order, separated by semicolons (maximum of six authors per abstract, including the first author);
- 9.3. **Affiliations:** Institutions must be listed in the appropriate order, separated by semicolons; there is no need to repeat the institution for different authors, only cite it once;
- 9.4. **Text:** Continuous, single-spaced without paragraph or line breaks; the text must follow the logical article structure, including a brief Introduction, Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results/Preliminary Results, Discussion (if applicable), and Conclusions/Perspectives; no subsections, figures, tables, or references should be included;
- 9.5. **Keywords:** three keywords, separated by semicolon;
- 9.6. **Acknowledgments:** Included at the end of the abstract (optional);
- 9.7. **Language:** English;
- 9.8. The full text (including title, authors, text, keywords, and acknowledgments) should **not exceed 2000-3000 characters, including spaces.**
- 9.9. **Abstract Model:**  **AUTHOR_ABSTRACT_MODEL**

10. Poster guidelines:

- 10.1. **Utilize the provided event poster model exclusively;**
- 10.2. **Presenter:** At least one of the authors must remain at the poster during the entire presentation session to answer questions from participants;
 - 10.2.1. Only authors of the abstract are allowed to present the poster. Presentations by third parties (non-authors) will not be accepted;
- 10.3. **Poster dimensions: 90 cm × 120 cm (width × height);**
- 10.4. **The poster must be accompanied by a cord for mounting and/or adhesive tape;**
 - 10.4.1. All materials required to **mount the poster** are the **responsibility of the presenting author**. The event will not provide adhesive tape, scissors, or any other mounting materials;
- 10.5. **Font:** The poster must be prepared using **Arial** font throughout;
 - 10.5.1. Organize all poster text so that it is readable from a distance of at least 2 meters;
- 10.6. **Content:** Ensure inclusion of the elements Introduction, Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results/Preliminary Results, Discussion (if applicable), Conclusions/Perspectives, Acknowledgements (if applicable), and References;
- 10.7. **The poster title must match the accepted abstract;**

- 10.8. **Design:** Maintain a clear and organized layout for your poster; refrain from altering the layout of header and footer elements; the content layout is subject to the presenter's discretion; utilize tables/figures and limit the usage of text;
- 10.9. Titles, names, and affiliations must be positioned at the top of the poster; the title font size should be at least 20, while authors' names and affiliations may be slightly smaller;
- 10.10. **Utilize concise and engaging language to effectively convey your message;**
- 10.11. **Language:** English.
- 10.12. **Presentation:** English or Portuguese.
- 10.13. **Poster template:**  **AUTHORS_POSTER_MODEL.pptx**
 - 10.13.1. **Posters that do not comply with the official template will not be accepted for presentation.**

11. Rules for “Roland Vencovsky” award

11.1. Evaluation Criteria

At each evaluation stage, the following criteria will be considered:

- Innovation;
- Scientific and/or Social Impact and
- Applicability;

11.2. If no abstract meets the standard, the prize will not be awarded.

11.3. Evaluation and Selection

- 11.3.1. A selection committee will review all submitted abstracts.
- 11.3.2. One finalist will be selected for each of the following areas:
 - ★ Population Genetics, Evolution, Conservation and Cytogenetics;
 - ★ Molecular Genetics and Systems Biology;
 - ★ Quantitative Genetics, Statistical Genetics and Genetic Breeding.
- 11.3.3. These three finalists will be invited to give a 10-minute **oral presentation in English**, with **presentation slides in English**, followed by 5 minutes for questions.
- 11.3.4. Authors of the abstracts selected for the oral presentation will be notified via e-mail by September 24, 2026;
- 11.3.5. The presentation file must be submitted in .pdf, .ppt, or .pptx format by October 4, 2026.

11.4. Awards

- 11.4.1. During abstract submission, the presenting author must indicate whether they **wish to compete for the "Roland Vencovsky" Award**. Authors who choose to participate acknowledge that, if selected as finalists, both the **oral presentation and the presentation slides must be presented in English**.
- 11.4.2. All oral presentations will be evaluated by an evaluation committee and the invited speakers present at the event;
- 11.4.3. The three finalists will receive a cash prize;
- 11.4.4. Based on the oral presentations, the finalists will be ranked as first, second, and third place;

- ★ The first-place work will receive the **"Roland Vencovsky" Award**, a cash prize of **R\$ 800.00**, and an **Honorable Mention**;
- ★ The second-place work will receive a cash prize of **R\$ 400.00** and an **Honorable Mention**;
- ★ The third-place work will receive a cash prize of **R\$ 200.00** and an **Honorable Mention**.

11.4.5. The Best Poster will also receive an Honorable Mention.

For any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the GVENCK Scientific Committee at **gvenck@usp.br**, using the subject line "Abstract Submission Question".

The **GVENCK Scientific Committee** thanks all authors for their interest in participating in the 10th International Meeting on Plant Breeding & 5º Encontro Paulista de Melhoramento de Plantas. We look forward to welcoming you to the event!



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