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The Secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (hereinafter referred to as the Sponsoring Organizations) present their compliments to the Sponsoring Organizations' Member States and have the honour to draw their attention to the **FAO/IAEA International Symposium on Plant Mutation Breeding and Biotechnology** to be held at the IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from **27 to 31 August 2018**.

The purpose of the symposium is to review achievements, new developments, trends and challenges in the field of plant mutation breeding, and to foster a broad exchange of information within the scientific community, as well as between the scientific community and the private sector. The symposium will highlight specific challenges faced by Member States, such as emerging transboundary threats to crop production, and will also assess the overall importance of mutation breeding to food security.

The symposium and its deliberations and conclusions will provide useful feedback to the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture which will help it to address Member States' needs in future programming.

The symposium will be held in English.

Member States are invited to disseminate the attached Announcement and Call for Papers to the target audience for the symposium and to designate participants using Form A. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

The Sponsoring Organizations are generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the symposium. The Sponsoring Organizations have, however, limited funds at their disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Such assistance may be offered upon specific request to normally one participant per country provided that, in the Sponsoring Organizations' view, the participant on whose behalf assistance is requested will make an important contribution to the symposium.

Applications for financial support using Form C, as well as submissions of papers using Form B, can only be considered if received by the deadlines indicated in Section N of the Announcement and Call for Papers.

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the Sponsoring Organizations for any damage to or loss of personal property. The Sponsoring Organizations also do not provide health insurance coverage for participants in conferences and symposia. Arrangements for private insurance coverage on an individual basis should therefore be made. The Sponsoring Organizations will, however, provide insurance coverage for accidents and illnesses that clearly result from any work performed for the Sponsoring Organizations.

The Secretariats of the Sponsoring Organizations avail themselves of this opportunity to assure the Sponsoring Organizations' Member States of their highest consideration.



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Enclosures: Announcement and Call for Papers

Participation Form (Form A)

Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)

Grant Application Form (Form C)