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Regarding: NAPB meeting 2029



The UC Davis Plant Breeding Center is pleased to host the National Association for Plant Breeding meeting in 2029. We successfully hosted the meeting with over 400 people in 2017. We propose to host the meeting from June 25-28, 2029. This is an opportune time with excellent weather in Davis and California. It does not conflict with holidays or other meetings relevant to the participants to our knowledge. UC Davis is an 1892 land-grant University since 1908 when it evolved from UC Berkeley. It is 25 minutes from the Sacramento airport with service from all major US airlines and 2 hrs from San Francisco airport. UC Davis has a conference center that can hold 400+ people with overflow options, as well as associated inside and outside options for posters and workshops, and integrated sponsor booths for breaks and lunches.

There are currently over 65 faculty in the Department of Plant Sciences, supported by another 40-50 faculty in related disciplines from Plant Biology, Plant Pathology, Food and Nutritional Sciences, and Ag engineering to name a few. The UC Davis campus boasts 500+ acres of Ag land and 40,000 ft² of greenhouses on its adjacent farm enhanced by a state-of-the-art Genome Center, the C.M. Rick Tomato Genetics Research Center, Foundation Plant Services, UC Davis Student Farm, WolfSkill Experimental orchards and 9 Extension Centers across the state to serve the 250+ plant commodities grown in the state.

UC Davis has diverse breeding programs, in forages, fruit and nuts, vegetable, legume and field crops. As part of the program we expect to have on-site tours in some of alfalfa, beans, tomatoes, peppers, strawberry,

walnut, rice, pistachio, leafy greens and viticulture on campus and in the Salinas valley. We will also visit the on-campus USDA/ARS facility for high throughput phenotyping outdoor facilities and programs. We are surrounded by the seed industry and will visit several industry plant breeding programs nearby.

Although the theme is not yet selected, it will complement previous meetings, highlighting the breeding programs for unique and diverse environments and crops found in California. We expect a very successful meeting integrating graduate students, Borlaug Scholars and NAPB George Washington Carver mentorship programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Van Deynze". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "V" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.