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## **1st announcement of the 10th Gatersleben Research Conference "Sequence-informed Crop Research"**

Following a tradition initiated in 1996, we are in the process of organizing the 10th Gatersleben Research Conference, to be held November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. In light of the ongoing progress in the field of genomics, the focus of the 10<sup>th</sup> GRC is "Sequence-informed Crop Research", and addresses a broad spectrum of fundamental and applied issues.

Traditionally, the meeting is limited to about 150 participants, led by outstanding international keynote speakers, and is held in the foothills of the beautiful Harz Mountains of central Germany. This format provides excellent opportunities to stimulate scientific discussion and interact with international colleagues involved in plant genomics, a rapidly-evolving field with research in genetic diversity, chromatin dynamics, genome evolution, and data handling. Communication is the spirit of the Gatersleben Research Conferences.

The venue will take place in the UNESCO world heritage town of Quedlinburg ([www.quedlinburg.de](http://www.quedlinburg.de)), a preserved European city of medieval origin distinguished by its exceptional architectural heritage of Romanesque and half-timbered buildings. Part of the program will be held at the nearby Leibniz-Institute for Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK) in Gatersleben, and a visit to the Gatersleben Campus including various Biotech Companies will be part of the meeting.

Please calendar already today the dates of the conference – online registration will be available starting from mid of May 2010 (<http://meetings.ipk-gatersleben.de/GRCX>).

We are looking forward to welcome you here.

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Nils Stein