



9th International Triticeae Symposium 2021 (ITS-2021)

Date: Monday, **June 14** – Friday, **June 18**

Location: Novosibirsk, Pirogova Str. 2, Campus of Novosibirsk State University

The International Triticeae Symposium (ITS) is an interdisciplinary conference organized by the International Triticeae Consortium, Institute of Cytology and Genetics, Central Siberian Botanic Garden, and others. The previous eight Symposia were held in Sweden (1991), the USA (1994), Syria (1997), Spain (2001), Czech Republic (2005), Japan (2009), China (2013) and Germany (2017). The primary goal of these symposia is to bring together outstanding scientists working with Triticeae species, particularly the tribe's many wild species, to exchange information about them, discuss future research directions, and initiate new collaborations for learning about the members of this widely distributed tribe. For more information about the history of the Symposia, see https://www.researchgate.net/publication/261376063_History_of_the_Triticeae_Symposia.

The 9th Symposium will have four thematic areas, all focused on the Triticeae:

- Taxonomy, Phylogeny and Phytogeography
- Biodiversity and Conservation
- Genetics and Genomics
- Breeding and Utilisation

The Central Siberian Botanic Garden, one of the co-sponsors of the Ninth Triticeae Symposium, is located in Novosibirsk and includes living collections of Siberian Triticeae used by Agafonov and others in their research on the Triticeae as well as delightful displays featuring the plants of Central Siberia. The town, which was founded in 1893, is located where the Trans Siberian Railway crosses the Ob River. It is home to many research institutes, the renowned Novosibirsk Zoo, and includes extensive areas where the native vegetation has been conserved. It is served by Tolmachevo Airport as well as the railway.

We are also organizing an Altai Mountains tour for June 19-22 for those interested in seeing more of this part of Russia. These mountains span four countries (Russia, China, Mongolia, and Kazakhstan), include the headwaters of two large rivers, the Ob and Irtysh. Together these rivers form the major drainage basin of western Siberia. The mountains themselves are noted for their high biodiversity and isolation. Russia's Altai Mountain Reserve, which is on the eastern portion of the Russian Altai, are part of UNESCO's "Golden Mountains of Altai" World Heritage Site.

We look forward to welcoming you in Novosibirsk.

Yours sincerely,
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