The First International Conference on Growth Substances was held in Paris in 1937. This meeting was organized under the auspices of the League of Nations and the papers were published as a special volume, *Etudes et recherches sur les phvtohormones* (Paris. 1938). Professor P. Boysen-Jensen was the President at this meeting and Professor V. J. Koningsberger and Dr. G. S. Avery were amongst those attending.

The Second Growth Substance Conference held in Wisconsin in 1949 was almost entirely American, Professor H. Burström being the only representative from Europe to present a paper. The contributions, edited by Professor F. Skoog and published in 1951 under the title *Plant Growth Substances*, have undoubtedly proved of great value to all workers in the field.

In September 1953, an International Conference on Plant Growth Substances was held at the University of Lund, Sweden organized by Professor H. Burström. Although only an abstract of the proceedings of the Lund Conference (1953) was published, the great success of this meeting must be recorded.

The high level and great value of the papers and discussions led, two years later, to the idea of holding a similar Conference in England. This suggestion was well received, and, as a result, workers from seven countries met at Wve College from 17-22 July 1955. The proceedings of the Wye conference were published in *The Chemistry and Mode of Action of Plant Growth Substances* Butterworths Scientific Publications, London 1956.

**Past IPGSA Meetings, Hosts, Presidents and Secretaries**

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| **Informal Meetings:** |
| Year | Site | Host |  |  |
| 1937 | Paris, France | Boysen-Jensen |  |  |
| 1949 | Madison, USA | Skoog |  |  |
| 1953 | Lund, Sweden | Burström |  |  |
| 1955 | Ashford, UK | Wain |  |  |
| 1959 | Yonkers, USA | Vlitos |  |  |
| 1963 | Paris, France | Nitsch |  |  |
| 1967 | Ottowa, Canada | Wightman |  |  |
| **Official Meetings:** |
| Year | Site | Host | President | Secretary |
| 1970 | Canberra, Australia | Carr |  |  |
| 1973 | Tokyo, Japan | Sumiki | Thimann | Carr |
| 1976 | Lausanne, Switzerland | Pilet | MacMillan |  |
| 1979 | Madison, USA | Skoog | Masuda | Leopold |
| 1982 | Aberystwyth, UK | Wareing | Skoog |  |
| 1985 | Heidelberg, Germany | Bopp | Wareing | Bruinsma |
| 1988 | Calgary, Canada | Pharis | Bopp |  |
| 1991 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands | Karssen | Pharis | Brenner |
| 1995 | Minneapolis, USA | Gardner/Phinney | Phinney |  |
| 1998 | Tokyo-Makuhari, Japan | Takahashi | Takahashi | Kamiya |
| 2001 | Brno, Czech Republic | Procházka | Jones | Rademacher |
| 2004 | Canberra, Australia | Jacobsen | Hedden | Sponsel |
| 2007 | Puerto Vallarta, Mexico | Cassab | Yoshida | Sponsel |
| 2010 | Tarragona, Spain | Pages | Cohen | Sponsel |
| 2013 | Shanghai, China |  | Kamiya | Ozga |
| 2016 | Toronto, Canada | Nambara | Beveridge | Ozga |
| 2019 | Paris, France | Marion-Poll | Marion-Poll | Strader |
| 2023 | Gyeongju, South Korea | Hwang | Estelle | Strader |
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**IPGSA Research Awards**

1973 (Tokyo):

Robert L. Wain, Wye College, University of London, Ashford, UK

1976 (Lausanne):

Kenneth V. Thimann, Crown College, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA

1979 (Madison):

Mikhail Kh. Chailakhyan, K.A. Timiryazev Institute of Plant Physiology, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Moscow, Russia

1982 (Aberystwyth):

Jake MacMillan, School of Chemistry, The University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

Bernard O. Phinney, Department of Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, USA

1985 (Heidelberg):

Saburo. Tamura, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Nobutaka Takahashi, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Shang Fa Yang, Department of Vegetable Crops, University of California, Davis, USA

1988 (Calgary):

Robert S. Bandurski, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA

1991 (Amsterdam):

Jan A.D. Zeevaart, MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory, Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA

D.Stuart Letham, Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Roger Horgan, Department of Biological Sciences, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK

1995 (Minneapolis):

Jan Graebe, Albrecht-von-Haller Institute for Plant Physiology, University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany

Hans Kende, MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory, Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA

Marten Koornneef, Laboratory of Genetics, Agricultural University of Wageningen, Wageningen, The Netherlands

1998 (Tokyo):

Peter Hedden, IACR - Long Ashton Resaerch Station, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

Hiroh Shibaoka, Department of Biology, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan

2001 (Brno):

Russell L. Jones, Department of Plant Biology, University of California, Berkeley, USA

John V. Jacobsen, CSIRO Plant Industry, Canberra, Australia

2004 (Canberra):

Anthony B. Bleecker, Botany Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA.

Joseph R. Ecker, Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Laboratory, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, San Diego, California, USA.

Yuji Kamiya, RIKEN Plant Science Center, Yokohama, Japan

2007 (Puerto Vallarta):

Joanne Chory, Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Laboratory, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, San Diego, California, USA.

Mark Estelle, Department of Biology, Indiana University, Boomington, Indiana, USA

Takao Yokota, Department of Biosciences, Teikyo University, Utsunomiya, Japan

2010 (Tarragona):

Ottoline Leyser, The Sainsbury Laboratory, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Makoto Matsuoka, Bioscience and Biotechnology Center, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan

Tai-ping Sun, Department of Biology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA

2013 (Shanghai):

Peter McCourt, Department of Cell and Systems Biology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Erwin Grill, Center of Life and Food Sciences, Technische Universität München, Freising, Germany

Shinjiro Yamaguchi, Department of Biomolecular Sciences, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

2016 (Toronto)

Sean Cutler, Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, University of California-Riverside, Riverside, CA, USA

Joseph Kieber, Department of Biology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA

Hitoshi Sakakibara, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan

2019 (Paris)

Jose Alonso, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, USA

Anna Stepanova, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, USA

Yoshikatsu Matsubayashi, Department of Biological Science, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan

2023 (Gyeongju)

Eva Benkova, Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Klosterneuburg, Austria

Caren Chang, Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

Roberto Solano, Plant Molecular Genetics Department, CSIC, Madrid, Spain

**Council Members**

2007

Harry Klee and Tai-Ping Sun (America), Cris Kuhlemeier and Goran Sandberg (Europe), James Reid and Frank Gubler (Other regions), Valerie Sponsel (treasurer), Peter Hedden (past president), Shigeo Yoshida (president)

2010

Harry Klee and Joe Kieber (America), Cris Kuhlemeier and Annie Marion-Poll (Europe), James Reid and Shinjiro Yamaguchi (Other regions), Valerie Sponsel (treasurer), Shigeo Yoshida (past president), Jerry Cohen (president)

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Bonnie Bartel and Joe Kieber (America), Rens Voesenek and Annie Marion-Poll (Europe), Steve Swain and Shinjiro Yamaguchi (Other regions), Jocelyn Ozga (treasurer), Jerry Cohen (past president), Yuji Kamiya (president)

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2019

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2023

Anna Stepanova and Caren Chang (America), Miguel Blazquez and Dolf Weijers (Europe), Junko Kyozuka and Jiayang Li (Other regions), Lucia Strader (treasurer), Annie Marion-Poll (past president), Mark Estelle (president)

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Anna Stepanova and Jennifer Nemhauser (America), Jenny Russinova and Dolf Weijers (Europe), Junko Kyozuka and Yoshikatsu Matsubayashi (Other regions), Brad Binder (treasurer), Mark Estelle (past president), Ildoo Hwang (president)