

Centre Haná







Olomouc, the Czech Republic

Founded in 11th century, today 100.000 inhabitants



Palacký University Olomouc

Established in 1573, at present 8 faculties, 23.000 students



Gregor Johann Mendel (1822-1884)

• In 1840-1843 he studied practical and theoretical philosophy and physics at the University of Olomouc

Laws of Genetics



Biotechnology related fields of study

- Biochemistry (M.Sc., Ph.D.)
- Experimental Biology (M.Sc.)
- Biophysics (M.Sc., Ph.D.)
- Molecular and Cell Biology (M.Sc., Ph.D.)

will open in 2013

- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering









Project information

OP Research and Development for Innovation: CZ.1.05/2.1.00/01.0007

Project budget : 809 mil. CZK (about 32 mil. €)

Implementation period: 03/2010 – 12/2013

Grant recipient: Palacký University in Olomouc (UP)

Partners:Institute of Experimental Botany, Academy of Science (IEB)Crop Research Institute (CRI)

Investment: 80% of the budget, 4 new buildings for R&D in Olomouc-Holice, equipment and research instruments

Start-up grant: 20% of the budget, implementation costs, wages, services

Human resources: 170 employees in 2013, 80 new position for researchers



- Laser scanning confocal microscope (07/2010)
- High-speed flow cytometer and sorter (09/2010)
- Confocal microscope system for live cell imagining (05/2012)
- Mass spectrometer MALDI-TOF/TOF (11/2012)
- NMR spectrometer 500 MHz (12/2012)
- UPLC/MS, GC/MS (11/2012)
- Phytotrons and high resolution plant phenotyping line (12/2012)
- Greenhouses for study of GM plants and pathogens (02/2013)

Phytotrons and high resolution plant phenotyping line







Research Programs and Scientists

- Protein biotechnology
 Program leader: Marek Šebela
- Chemical biology and genetics
 Program leader: Miroslav Strnad
- Novel materials and methods for plant breeding Program leader: Jaroslav Doležel
- Plant biotechnology
 Program leader: Jozef Šamaj
- Phytofarm and genetic resources of vegetables, medicinal, aromatic and culinary plants
 Program leader: Karel Dušek







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Protein biotechnology



- Protein preparation using recombinant expression or by isolation from biological materials
- Structural and functional analysis, use as biocatalysts



Proteomics – biotyping of plant pathogens

Cell surface protein profiling by mass spectrometry

- Fungal plant parasites
- Epidemic spreading
- Crop destruction (grape, hop, vegetables)





Downy mildew

Powdery mildew

MALDI TOF from the surface of intact leaf

- Rapid recording of peptide mass spectrum
- Establishment of database of pathogen spectra
- Identification diagnostics treatment





Chemical biology and genetics



- State-of-the-art methods for qualitative and quantitative analyses of plant hormones cytokinins, auxins, strigolactones, polyamines and plant phenolics (SPE → immunoaffinity preconcentration → UPLC/MS or CE/MS)
- Directed synthesis of plant hormone derivatives for applications in agriculture (growth regulators) and cosmetics (anti-aging agents)
- Biotests **physiological effect and metabolic fate** of prepared compounds
- Finding molecular targets differential proteomics



New plant growth regulator for yield increase



Applied concentration

INCYDE = INhibitor of CYtokinin DEgradation

US patent 8,222,260 B2



New materials for plant breeding



Dissection of the genome to single chromosomes (arms) representing individual (sub)genomes



Cereal genomics - sequencing of wheat genome

- Shot-gun sequencing (454 and Illumina)
- Assemble low-copy and genic sequences
- Establish virtual gene order
- Analyze genome structure and evolution
- Facilitate anchoring physical maps and positional cloning
- Provide sequences to the breeding community







Graminor



New materials and methods for plant breeding



Positional gene cloning in wheat: resistance to powdery mildew



Infected wheat

Fodder and amenity grasses





The banana genome



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The banana (*Musa acuminata*) genome and the evolution of monocotyledonous plants

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Plant biotechnology



- Study of plant signalling networks
- Development of genetically modified crops
- Molecular farming







Molecular farming in barley



- Targeting gene expression to grain endosperm
- Production of custom peptides and proteins



Industrial collaboration on ergot



- Genetic modification of ergot Claviceps purpurea
- Selection and modification of sterile rye
- Increased production of ergot alkaloids
- Collaboration with TEVA Czech Industries, Opava







Plant Genetic Resources at CRI



Vegetables – 9,268 Medical and Aromatic Plants - 884













http://genbank.vurv.cz/genetic/resources

Contract research



Range of specialized services provided in relation to current research programs, which can be chosen from standard offer or customized on demand

 Cooperation based on contracts or joint grant applications

 Collaboration with big companies (Syngenta, BASF, Nivea, Sumitomo, ChemapAgro) under CDA agreements



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