

CRYO 2011: The Society for Cryobiology convened in Corvallis, Oregon, USA July 22-27, 2011 with over 150 attendees. The meeting began with a social evening at "The Vue" in downtown Corvallis, with music, food, wine and conversation. Sessions started on Sunday morning with a keynote session on "Freeze drying and anhydrobiosis" convened by John Crowe followed by "Cryobiology in assisted reproductive technology" with Mary Zelinski, Convener. An evening barbecue sponsored by the ICYR was held at a local park. Monday's sessions focused on "Cryopreservation in agriculture" convened by Barbara Reed, Crystal Award presentations and an evening poster session. Tuesday's sessions included "Current trends in biobanking", Allison Hubel, convener and "Blood cell cryopreservation", Jason Acker, convener, with tours of the National Clonal Germplasm Repository and an afternoon trip to the Oregon Coast and Aquarium. Wednesday completed the sessions with "Mathematical modeling of ice formation", Jens Karlsson, Convener, and Plant Biobanking and Biophysics. The annual business meeting was held with lively discussions and announcement of the 2011 class of Fellow Awards to John Crowe and Barbara Reed. The Fellow Awards session included talks by the 2010 Fellows (Michael Taylor, Sajio Sumida) and a talk on the work of deceased Fellow Valentin Grischenko. The meeting concluded with a dinner at Tye Winery.

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