

6th International Symposium on Fungal Endophytes of Grasses

25th - 28th March 2007

Invitation

It is now over 25 years since the significance of *Epichloë* and *Neotyphodium* endophytes was discovered with tall fescue in the USA and with ryegrass in New Zealand. Since that time a tremendous amount of research has taken place around the world. This has led to a better understanding of the risks and benefits of endophytes in grasses and to a number of successful endophyte/grass combinations for commercial use.

Today this field attracts researchers from a wide range of disciplines as it impacts on so many aspects of nature and on our economic wellbeing. The challenges provided by endophyte interactions encompass such diverse fields as the plant, microbial and animal sciences, biochemistry, turf science, entomology, ecosystem ecology, chemistry, microbiology, evolutionary sciences, biotechnology and many more.

This conference will be an opportunity for researchers from around the world to come together to share their knowledge with each other.

The organising committee looks forward to your involvement at the 6th International Symposium.

Call for papers

Abstracts must be submitted by 1 August 2006.

Publications

All abstracts will be available at the conference and papers will be published in a conference proceedings.

New Zealand

New Zealand is famous for its farming based industries as well as its spectacularly beautiful landscape of mountains, grasslands, coastal areas, fiords and forests. It is a world class sporting nation and home to some of the world's friendliest and most innovative people.

Christchurch

Christchurch - the Garden City - is the third largest urban area in New Zealand and largest city in the South Island. As an uncrowded city of 350,000 people it is a centre of arts, learning, and commerce situated within a day's drive of the beautiful Southern Alps. Christchurch has its own convenient international airport and excellent air linkages to other cities in New Zealand. Find out more about Christchurch at:

<http://www.christchurch.org.nz/>

and more about visiting New Zealand at:
<http://www.newzealand.com/travel/>

The timing of this conference will allow participants the opportunity to plan a New Zealand vacation at the end of the southern summer.

Field Tour

We will provide the opportunity for you to visit Research Centres involved in endophyte research on both pastures and turf. You will also get the opportunity to visit commercial farms to learn how the development of endophytes non-toxic to grazing animals has benefited farming in a region where insect pests are prevalent.

Conference Venue

The venue for the conference is "The Chateau on the Park" Hotel in Christchurch.



A Shipfield Hotel



www.chateau-park.co.nz

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at "The Chateau on the Park" Hotel and at a number of hotels within walking distance. Very affordable accommodation can also be found at motels and backpackers hostels within 10-20 minutes walking distance.

Registration of Interest

Email: IESInfo@agresearch.co.nz

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Continuing in the tradition of the five earlier successful conferences on
Acremonium
- Grass Interactions and
Neotyphodium
- Grass Interactions

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