

IISER Mohali Presents

International Symposium & Indian Plant Science Network Meeting (IPSN) 2026

October 16–18, 2026 | IISER Mohali
Organizers: Dr. Santosh B. Satbhai | Dr. Ram Yadav | Dr. Ravi Suresh Devani

Day 1 — Friday, October 16, 2026

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration + Breakfast**

10:00 – 10:10 **Opening Remarks by the Director, IISER Mohali and the Head, Biology**

Session 1: Pathogen Dynamics & Immune Signaling

10:10 – 12:30

Chair / Co-chair

TBA

Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
10:10 – 10:40	Prof. Hitoshi Sakakibara	Nagoya University, Japan	30 min
10:40 – 11:00	Dr. Jyothilakshmi Vadassery	NIPGR, New Delhi	20 min
11:00 – 11:20	Dr. Amey Redkar	NCBS, Bengaluru	20 min
11:20 – 11:40	 Tea Break		
11:40 – 12:00	Dr. Eswarayya Ramireddy	IISER Tirupati	20 min
12:00 – 12:20	Dr. Radhika Venkatesan	IISER Kolkata	20 min
12:20 – 12:25	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min
12:25 – 12:30	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min

12:30 – 14:00  **Lunch**

Session 2: Epigenomics, RNA Biology & Systemic Communication

14:00 – 17:30

Chair / Co-chair

TBA

Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
14:00 – 14:30	Prof. Rishi Bhalerao	SLU, Sweden	30 min
14:30 – 14:50	Prof. Ashwini Pareek	NABI, Mohali	20 min
14:50 – 15:10	Prof. P. V. Shivaprasad	NCBS, Bengaluru	20 min
15:10 – 15:30	Dr. Jitendra Thakur	ICGEB, New Delhi	20 min
15:30 – 16:00	 Tea Break		

16:00 – 16:20	Prof. Chandan Sahi	IISER Bhopal	20 min
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Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
16:20 – 16:40	Dr. Sreeramaiah Gangappa	IISER Kolkata	20 min
16:40 – 17:00	Dr. Himabindu Vasuki	NISER, Bhubaneswar	20 min
17:00 – 17:20	Dr. Kannan Pachamuthu	IISER Berhampur	20 min
17:20 – 17:25	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min
17:25 – 17:30	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min

Poster Session 17:30 – 19:00

Open poster viewing — All registered participants. Presenters are requested to stand by their posters.

19:00 onwards

 **Networking & Dinner**

Day 2 — Saturday, October 17, 2026

08:00 – 09:00

Breakfast

Session 3: Plant Architecture & Morphological Plasticity

09:00 – 11:50

Chair / Co-chair

TBA

Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
09:00 – 09:30	Prof. Adrienne H.K. Roeder	Cornell University, USA	30 min
09:30 – 09:50	Prof. Sourav Datta	IISER Bhopal	20 min
09:50 – 10:10	Prof. Kalika Prasad	IISER Pune	20 min
10:10 – 10:30	Dr. Ram Yadav	IISER Mohali	20 min

10:30 – 11:00

 **Tea Break**

11:00 – 11:20	Dr. Boominathan M.	IISER Thiruvananthapuram	20 min
11:20 – 11:40	Dr. Naresh Loudya	IISc, Bengaluru	20 min
11:40 – 11:45	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	20 min
11:45 – 11:50	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min

12:00 – 13:00

Sponsor Spotlight: Tools That Shape Discovery

12:00 – 13:00

Roundtable Discussion — IISER Faculty + National & International speakers

13:00 – 14:00

 **Lunch**

Session 4: Climate Resilience & Resource Acquisition
14:00 – 15:40

Chair / Co-chair
TBA

Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
14:00 – 14:30	Prof. Wolfgang Busch	Salk Institute, USA	30 min
14:30 – 14:50	Dr. Ajay Pandey	NABI, Mohali	20 min
14:50 – 15:10	Dr. Annapurna Devi Allu	IISER Tirupati	20 min
15:10 – 15:30	Dr. Santosh B. Satbhai	IISER Mohali	20 min
15:30 – 15:35	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min
15:35 – 15:40	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min

Poster Session & Tea 🕒 16:00 – 17:45
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Cultural Program 18:00 – 19:00

Gala Dinner & Networking 19:00 onwards

Day 3 — Sunday, October 18, 2026

08:00 – 09:00 **Breakfast**

Session 5: Environmental Sensing & Adaptive Growth
09:00 – 10:50

Chair / Co-chair
TBA

Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
09:00 – 09:20	Dr. Bipin Pandey	University of Nottingham, UK	20 min
09:20 – 09:40	Dr. Alok Sinha	NIPGR, New Delhi	20 min
09:40 – 10:00	Prof. Prabodh Trivedi	CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow	20 min
10:00 – 10:20	Dr. Jitender Giri	NIPGR, New Delhi	20 min
10:20 – 10:40	Dr. Kishore CS Panigrahi	NISER, Bhubaneswar	20 min
10:40 – 10:45	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min
10:45 – 10:50	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min

10:50 – 11:20 🕒 **Tea Break**

Session 6: Reproductive Biology & Agronomic Traits

11:20 – 12:50

Chair / Co-chair
TBA

Time	Speaker	Institution	Slot
11:20 – 11:40	Dr. Jose Sebastian	IISER Berhampur	20 min
11:40 – 12:00	Dr. Ravi Maruthachalam	IISER Thiruvananthapuram	20 min
12:00 – 12:20	Dr. Nitin Kamble	IISER Thiruvananthapuram	20 min
12:20 – 12:40	Dr. Ravi Suresh Devani	IISER Mohali	20 min
12:40 – 12:45	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min
12:45 – 12:50	Early Career Researcher	Abstract selection	5 min

12:50 – 13:15

Valedictory & Closing Ceremony

13:15 – 14:15

 **Lunch**