9:00 am  Refreshments

9:30 am  Detlef Weigel, Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology
Genetics and epigenetics of adaptation to the environment

10:15 am Ian Henderson, University of Cambridge
Meiotic recombination and chromatin landscapes in plant genomes

11:00 am Xiangdong Fu, Chinese Academy of Science
Improving the nitrogen use efficiency and grain yield.

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Lunch Break

1:00 pm  Wenbo Ma, University of California Riverside
Effector proteins as molecular probes to understand plant-pathogen interactions

1:45 pm  Masao Watanabe, Tohoku University, Japan.
Self-incompatibility in cruciferous plants -Molecular mechanisms and recent topics

2:30 pm  Bin Han, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Unlocking genetic basis of complex traits and heterosis in rice

3:15 pm  Julie Law, The Salk Institute
Locus specific control of DNA methylation in Arabidopsis thaliana