

## Annual Meeting of the International Society of Arabidopsis Molecular Biologists

6 and 7 May 2008  
213 Olin Hall, Colby College  
Waterville ME, USA

During the last week of lab you and your lab partner will work together to present a 12 minute oral presentation on the results of your *RBCS* gene expression experiment. Computer projection facilities will be available for this presentation so that you may show figures and photographs to accompany your talk.

### Guidelines for presenters

A short oral presentation at a scientific conference is a very common way for scientists to present their newest findings to other researchers. You will have a chance to give a presentation at a meeting of the “International Society of Arabidopsis Molecular Biologists”, which will be held right here at Colby.

A good oral presentation (like a good paper) should explain your research in a manner that is clear, interesting, and scientifically correct. It is usually a good idea to divide your talk into sections such as:

Introduction

(Methods)

Results and Discussion

Conclusions

The Introduction should provide some general information about your experimental question and why it is important. You want to convince your audience right away that it will be worthwhile to keep paying attention.

Any explanation of Methods in your talk should be brief. Your talk is short and you don't want to use up very much of your time on this.

The Results portion of your talk should be the longest and most important section. Here you will present and explain the results you obtained. You can discuss the significance of your findings and perhaps address how they compare to results other researchers have obtained.

The Conclusions can be a very brief wrap-up of what you have said in your talk.

All of the sections of your talk should be appropriately illustrated with clear slides that show what you are talking about. A picture can be worth a thousand words.

Timing is an important element to consider when preparing your presentation. If you go over the allotted 12 minutes, you will throw off the schedule of the conference and cause inconvenience for the other speakers. On the other hand, you want to fully utilize the time you are allotted so that you can explain your work as well as possible.

## Conference schedule:

### Tuesday 6 May

time	title	Presenter(s)
1:00	Opening remarks	
1:15	Expression of the <i>RBCS</i> gene in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> is organ/tissue specific	Zach Zalinger and Denis Reyna Ruiz
1:30	Light dependent and tissue specific regulation of <i>RBCS</i> expression in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Sarah Clark, Becky Thorburn, and Prisna Dixit
1:45	Organ-specific expression of <i>RBCS</i> genes in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> is regulated by light	Jennifer Bushee and Abbie Fredrick
2:00	Time-dependent <i>RBCS</i> gene expression in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Leslie Wardwell and Phil Crystal
2:15	Light mediated regulation of the <i>RBCS</i> gene family in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Darren Argabright and Kathleen Minor

### Wednesday 7 May

time	title	Presenter(s)
1:00	Opening remarks	
1:15	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> : cold, dark, and blue lights	Katy Harmon and Aung Kaung
1:30	Go towards the light: light and <i>RBCS</i> gene expression	Liz Petit and Elizabeth Disney
1:45	Temperature and light effects on <i>RBCS</i> gene expression	Katy Bizier and Olena Marchenko
2:00	Inducible circadian expression of <i>RBCS</i> in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Andrew Hardigan and Matthew Stein

Each talk will be approximately 12 minutes, and three minutes are allotted for questions at the each of each talk.