



Global Plant Council Annual Report 2025–2026

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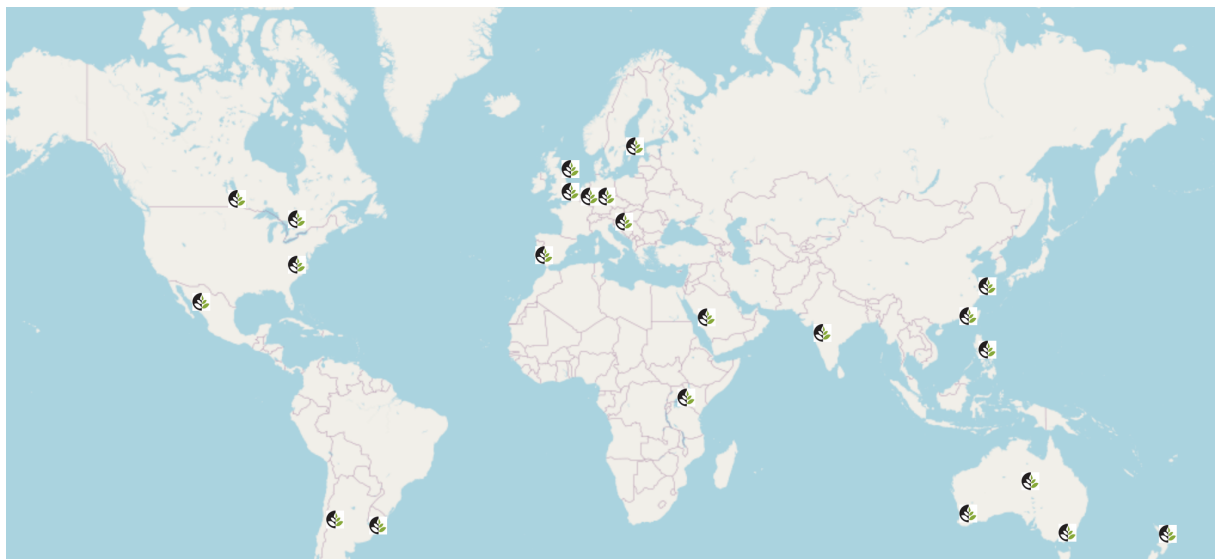
The Global Plant Council

The Global Plant Council (GPC) is a coalition national, regional, and international organizations representing plant, crop, agricultural, and environmental sciences across the globe.

GPC promotes plant science across borders and disciplines: it aims to support those directly involved in research, but also in education and training, to increase awareness of the key contribution of plants and plant science to societies across the planet.

The GPC's mission is therefore to:

- Facilitate the development of plant science to enable us to address global challenges.
- Foster international collaborations and enable the effective use of knowledge and resources.
- Provide an independent and inclusive forum to bring together all those involved in plant and crop research, training, and education.



Map showing the distribution of Global Plant Council Member Organizations

Message from our President Geraint Parry

Thanks for viewing the 2026 Global Plant Council (GPC) Annual Report.

The past year has seen more excellent progress for the role of the GPC as a global facilitator of plant science communications.

This has involved collaborations with *Plant Biotechnology Journal*, *The Plant Journal*, *Functional Plant Biology* and the *International Safe Cassava Network* to organise 13 webinars that have engaged with a global cohort of up to 10,000 scientists across all our platforms.

Communications remain a key component of GPC activities, which is supported by over 57,000 followers across social media and longer-form platforms, which in 2025 included a new TikTok account for a younger set of scientists.

Our broad remit is to represent cross-border issues that are of interest to all plant scientists. We are not impeded by any of the possible limitations that might impact the voice of our members that are aligned to a particular country or cohort of scientists.

At time of writing in July 2026 GPC membership includes 23 organisations, which is a slight decline from this time in 2025. The GPC works hard to provide value for our member organisations but are aware that our funding model is often dependant on personal relationships, which can easily change as job roles evolve! As ever we encourage our members to fully engage with GPC so that we can optimise these relationships.

After a quiet time on the policy front in 2025, we look ahead to making a significant contribution to COP31, taking place in Turkiye in November-December 2026. To drive effective engagement with this global conference we have prepared three timely policy statements that will be widely shared across the GPC membership and with external organisations.

They will provide a focus for our activities and highlight some of the more pressing challenges and opportunities in global plant science. As an Observer organisation at COP31, the GPC offers our members the opportunity to attend and participate at this meeting.

We are delighted to have renewed a collaboration with 'Frontiers in Plant Science', which provides four full Article Processing Charge (APC) waivers to plant scientists submitting manuscripts to one of six Research Topics. The deadlines for submitting articles to these Research Topics are in Autumn 2026 so we very much encourage submissions. The GPC Directors will then decide upon the articles that will have their APC waived; a value of ~\$10,000!

Finally, I must provide a huge thanks for the GPC Board of Directors who have guided our activities through the past year. Many of the directors have been involved with the GPC for a long time and have been instrumental in our recent success.

If you are a member of a GPC member organisation, we invite you to apply to join our Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to guide the future directions for the GPC and we especially welcome early career scientists to join the Board.

Best wishes for the coming year. I hope to see you online or in-person at an upcoming event.

Cheers,

Geraint Parry, London. July 2026

Executive Summary of Activities

July 2025 to June 2026

The 2025–2026 period was one of consolidation and growth for the Global Plant Council (GPC), marked by a maturing webinar programme, deepening of the Council's international policy engagement, and new partnerships. Across all its activities, the GPC continued to fulfil its mission as a coalition connecting the plant, crop, agricultural and environmental sciences worldwide: amplifying the work of its member organisations and bringing plant science to wider audiences.

Webinars, video and outreach

Webinars and video remained among the GPC's most effective tools for convening the global plant science community. Over the year, GPC delivered **13 webinars** and online session in partnership with leading journals and the **International Safe Cassava Network**, attracting more than **5,000 registrations and over 2,000 live attendees**. Each session was recorded and published on the GPC YouTube channel, where full recordings drew a further 2,800-plus on-demand views. To extend the reach of this content, the GPC produced **18 short-form videos** (YouTube Shorts) using AI-assisted editing, generating more than 5,000 additional views and cross-posted to Instagram and TikTok. A new offering this year saw the GPC begin providing certificates of attendance to live Zoom participants, supporting students and early-career researchers for whom this kind of formal recognition carries value.

Beyond webinars, the GPC's wider communications continued to grow. The Council published **37 news items, 5 blog posts and 61 mailings**, and its social media following reached more than **57,000 followers across 18 managed platforms**. This year the GPC added TikTok to its channels, recognising its importance for reaching younger audiences.

International policy engagement

The GPC substantially deepened its engagement with global policy processes. Building on a decade of participation across international bodies the Council maintained its presence in the UN climate process, participating in UNFCCC COP30 in Brazil with a delegation of ten online observers. Preparations are now well advanced for a substantially expanded, in-person presence at COP31 in Türkiye in late 2026, where the GPC delegation will be led by Head of Delegation **Geraint Parry**. Central to this effort is a set of three policy briefs: on the plant science funding gap, on crop nutritional content as a One Health issue, and on Konzo as a sentinel disease of climate inequality.

Partnerships and collaborations

New and continuing partnerships delivered concrete benefits to the plant science community. The GPC launched a collaboration with **Frontiers in Plant Science**, awarding four full Article Processing Charge waivers across six partner Research Topics: an opportunity for early-career researchers, delivered through the GPC's ECRI platform. The Council also co-hosted webinar series with leading journals, including **The Plant Journal** and **Plant Biotechnology Journal** and **Functional Plant Biology**. Meanwhile, the GPC's collaboration with the **HYDROSENSING ERC Synergy Project** continued for a second year, with the Council managing the project's website, social channels and branding, and supporting communication of its research milestones.

The year in numbers

The table below summarises the GPC's principal activities and reach across the 2025–2026 reporting period.

Area	Metric	Detail
Webinars & symposia	13	sessions across 4 journal/network series
Webinar registrations	5,000+	with 2,000+ live Zoom attendees
On-demand video views	10,300+	views on YouTube
YouTube Shorts	18	generating 5,048 views
News items	37	published on the GPC website
Blog posts	5	featuring research and community voices
Mailings	61	including regular newsletters
Social media followers	57,000+	across 18 managed platforms
Global policy bodies	8	as member or observer since 2015
UNFCCC delegates	10	online observers at COP30 (Brazil)
Policy briefs	3	in preparation for COP31 (Türkiye)
Publishing partnerships	4	APC deal + 3 journal webinar series

Communication and Outreach

Communication sits at the heart of the Global Plant Council's mission. Throughout the 2025–2026 period, the GPC continued to serve as a hub for the global plant science community, sharing research, opportunities and news across a growing family of channels, and connecting member organisations, scientists and the wider public. The figures below summarise the year's communication and outreach activity.

13	37	5	61	57,000+	18
Webinars	News items	Blog posts	Mailings	Social followers	Platforms managed

News, blogs and mailings

Over the reporting period the GPC published more than **37 news items and 5 blog posts**, covering research highlights, member activities, funding and training opportunities, and developments in global plant science and policy. These were complemented by more than **61 mailings**, including the GPC's regular newsletters, which remain one of the most direct ways of keeping members and subscribers informed and engaged.

Registration to the general newsletter: <https://0q5po.mjt.lu/wgt/0q5po/5n6/form?c=b2f1f228>

Registration to the ECRi newsletter: <https://0q5po.mjt.lu/wgt/0q5po/5nr/form?c=5c724041>

Registration to the events newsletter: <https://0q5po.mjt.lu/wgt/0q5po/5o9/form?c=ec64169d>

Readers can subscribe to the GPC's newsletters and updates through the Council's website at globalplantcouncil.org.

Webinars and video

Webinars and video content continued to be a major part of the GPC's outreach this year, with 13 webinars and online events delivered over the period alongside a growing library of on-demand recordings and short-form videos. Because of their scale and importance, these activities are described in full in the dedicated *Webinars and Videos* section of this report.

Social media

The GPC's social media presence continued its steady, long-term growth. By the end of the reporting period the Council's combined channels had reached more **than 57,000 followers**, managed across 18 platforms and accounts. These channels, spanning Instagram, X, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Bluesky and more, allow the GPC to amplify the work of its members, promote events and opportunities, and engage a broad international audience in plant science.

A notable development this year was the addition of TikTok as a new GPC channel. As one of the world's fastest-growing, video-based platforms, TikTok gives the GPC a valuable new way to reach younger audiences. The new channel complements the GPC's growing library of YouTube Shorts, extending the reach of this content to a platform where science communication is thriving and helping to bring plant science to communities that traditional channels may not reach.

The table below traces the sustained growth of the GPC's social media following since 2014, showing the community's consistent expansion year on year.

Follower growth, 2014–2026

	Twitter	Facebook	Newsletters ***	LinkedIn	Instagram	Others	Total Followers	New Followers
2014*	750	-	-	-	-	-	750	+750
2015*	2.300	275	900	-	-	-	3.475	+2.725
2016*	4.000	640	975	-	-	-	5.615	+2.140
2017*	5.640	1.000	1.100	-	-	-	7.740	+2.125
2018	7.234	1.894	1.262	505	-	48	10.943	+3.203
2019	9.074	5.362	1.337	1.994	254	59	18.080	+9.135
2020	11.553	8.324	1.629	2.665	523	75	24.769	+6.689
2021	14.023	9.493	2.252	3.483	753	124	30.128	+5.359
2022	16.845	11.323	2.842	4.116	915	203	36.244	+6.116
2023	18.848	13.748	5.769	4.831	1.056	540	44.792	+8.548
2024	19.617	16.977	6.481	5.849	1.120	1.307	51.351	+6.559
2025	19.864	17.142	7.539	7.122	1.175	2.283	55.125	+3.774
2026**	19.882	17.075	8.353	8.073	1.202	2.655	57.240	+2.115

** Estimated values **2026 includes figures from January until the 30th of June *** Newsletters include General, ECRi and Events*

Looking ahead

As its network of channels and platforms continues to expand, the GPC remains committed to clear, timely and engaging communication that serves the global plant science community. In the year ahead the Council will continue to refine its channels, grow its audiences, and strengthen the reach and impact of plant science

Webinars and Videos

Throughout the 2025–2026 reporting period, webinars remained one of the Global Plant Council's most effective channels for connecting the international plant science community, showcasing the research of our partner journals, and building sustained engagement with new and specialist audiences. In partnership with journals across the plant sciences and with the International Safe Cassava Network, the GPC hosted a programme of thirteen webinars and symposium sessions between August 2025 and July 2026, complemented by a growing library of on-demand recordings and short-form videos on our YouTube channel.

13	5,000+	2,000+	10,000+	18	5,000+
Events hosted & recordings	Total registrations	Zoom Attendees	Youtube views	YouTube Shorts	Shorts views

Audience engagement with our webinars remained consistently strong throughout the year. Across the programme, webinars achieved an average attendance rate of over 40%: a healthy figure for free, live online events, where registration rarely translates fully into attendance. Those who joined stayed engaged: in our 90-minute webinars, attendees remained connected for more than 60 minutes on average, indicating that the content held their attention well beyond the opening presentations. The programme also proved effective at reaching new audiences, with roughly 50% of registrants for any given webinar signing up for a GPC event for the first time. With an average of 450 registrants per webinar this year, this steady influx of first-time participants points to sustained growth in the community engaging with GPC content.

Webinar programme, 2025–2026

The year's programme was organised around three flagship journal series and an ongoing collaboration with the **International Safe Cassava Network**. Each webinar was recorded and made freely available on the GPC YouTube channel, extending its reach well beyond the live audience.

The Plant Journal series

- **29 September 2025** — Plant Engineering – Advances, Bottlenecks, and Promise
- **28 January 2026** — Plant Synthetic Biology: circuits, access and acceptance
- **10 March 2026** — Receptor signalling – function, dynamics and evolution
- **30 June 2026** — New insights from plant structural biology

Plant Biotechnology Journal series

- **24 November 2025** — Translating Research from Lab-to-Field-to-Application
- **29 April 2026** — The *Nicotiana benthamiana* Biofactory

Functional Plant Biology

- **12 February 2026** — Innovative Approaches to Understanding Plant Adaptation to Abiotic Stress

International Safe Cassava Network

- **28 August 2025** — Oxidative Stress and the Gut Microbiota: Emerging contributors in Cassava-Associated Neuropathies
- **27 October 2025** — International Safe Cassava Network 2025 Symposium, Day 1

- **28 October 2025** — International Safe Cassava Network 2025 Symposium, Day 2
- **16 December 2025** — Cyanogenic glucosides in cassava from the breeding perspective
- **20 May 2026** — Global Evidence on Konzo Incidence and Mortality: Findings
- **15 July 2026** — Medicinal plants, cassava and Konzo

Webinars in numbers

The tables below summarise registrations, live attendance and on-demand YouTube views for each webinar series across the reporting period.

The Plant Journal series

The Plant Journal series	Registrations	Attendees	YouTube views	Attendance rate
Plant Engineering – Advances, Bottlenecks, and Promise	551	282	579	51%
Plant Synthetic Biology: circuits, access and acceptance	734	284	473	39%
Receptor signalling – function, dynamics and evolution	524	224	156	43%
New insights from plant structural biology	364	176	115	48%
Total	2,173	966	1,323	44%

Plant Biotechnology Journal series

Plant Biotechnology Journal series	Registrations	Attendees	YouTube views	Attendance rate
Translating Research from Lab-to-Field-to-Application	551	226	249	41%
The <i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i> Biofactory	552	269	283	49%
Total	1,103	495	532	45%

Functional Plant Biology

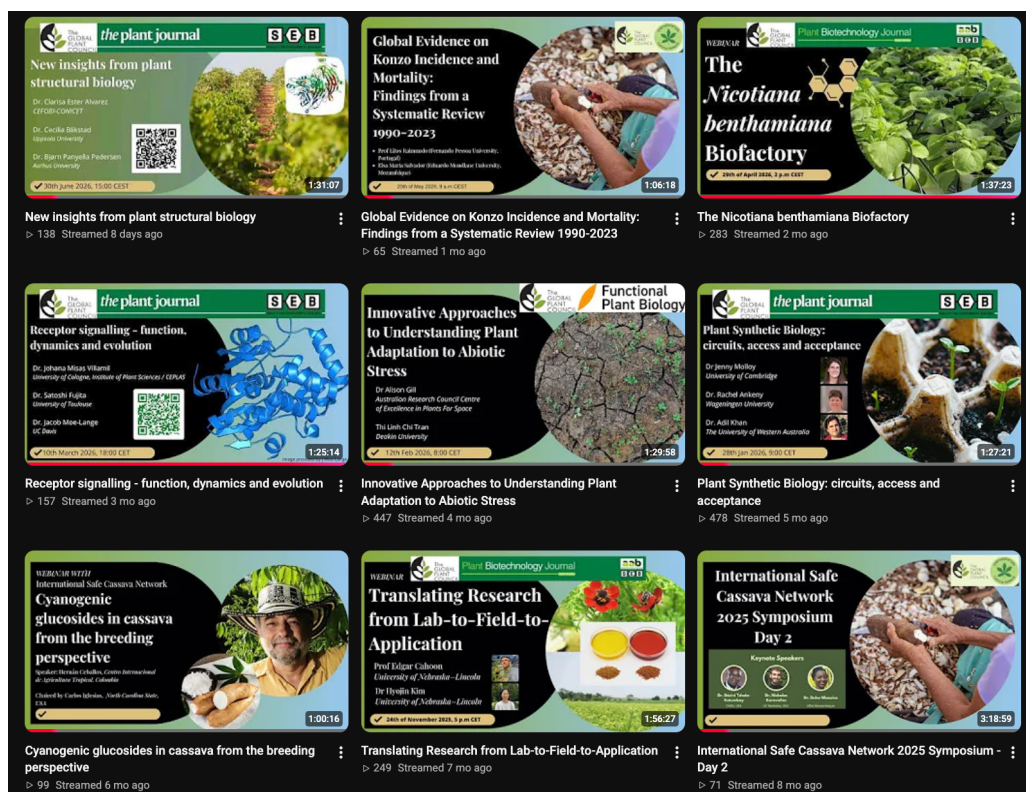
Functional Plant Biology	Registrations	Attendees	YouTube views	Attendance rate
Innovative Approaches to Understanding Plant Adaptation to Abiotic Stress	639	265	447	41%

International Safe Cassava Network

International Safe Cassava Network	Registrations	Attendees	YouTube views	Attendance rate
Oxidative Stress and the Gut Microbiota: Emerging contributors in Cassava-Associated Neuropathies	178	62	132	35%
Cassava Symposium 2025 – Day 1	243	89	134	37%
Cassava Symposium 2025 – Day 2	269	99	71	37%
Cyanogenic glucosides in cassava from the breeding perspective	219	78	99	36%
Global Evidence on Konzo Incidence and Mortality: Findings	199	65	65	33%
Medicinal plants, cassava and Konzo	269	140	26	52%
Total	1,377	533	527	39%

Certificates of attendance

Since February 2026, the GPC has provided certificates of attendance to participants who join our webinars live via Zoom. This addition responds directly to the needs of our global community: for many attendees, particularly students and early-career researchers in regions where formal recognition of professional development is highly valued, a certificate provides tangible proof of engagement that can support academic and career progression. By formalising participation in this way, we hope to lower the barriers to engaging with international plant science and to make our webinars a more meaningful resource for the community.



On-demand video and YouTube Shorts

Beyond the live sessions, the GPC continued to grow its YouTube channel as a permanent, openly accessible resource. Full webinar recordings are published after each event, allowing researchers who could not attend live — often across incompatible time zones — to watch on demand. Over the reporting period the channel's on-demand library attracted a combined **2,800+** views across full webinar recordings.

To maximise the value of this content and reach audiences on social media, the GPC produced a series of short-form videos (YouTube Shorts) using **Opus Clip**, an AI-assisted editing tool that identifies and repackages the most compelling moments from each full-length webinar into concise, captioned clips. These Shorts drive discovery of the longer recordings and extend the reach of our speakers' work to viewers who might not otherwise engage with a full webinar.

YouTube Shorts produced in 2025–2026

During the reporting period the GPC published **18 Shorts**, generating a combined **5,048 views** — an average of roughly 280 views per clip. The best-performing Short, *“Plant's natural defenses against heat”*, reached 1,176 views. The full set of clips and their performance is listed below.

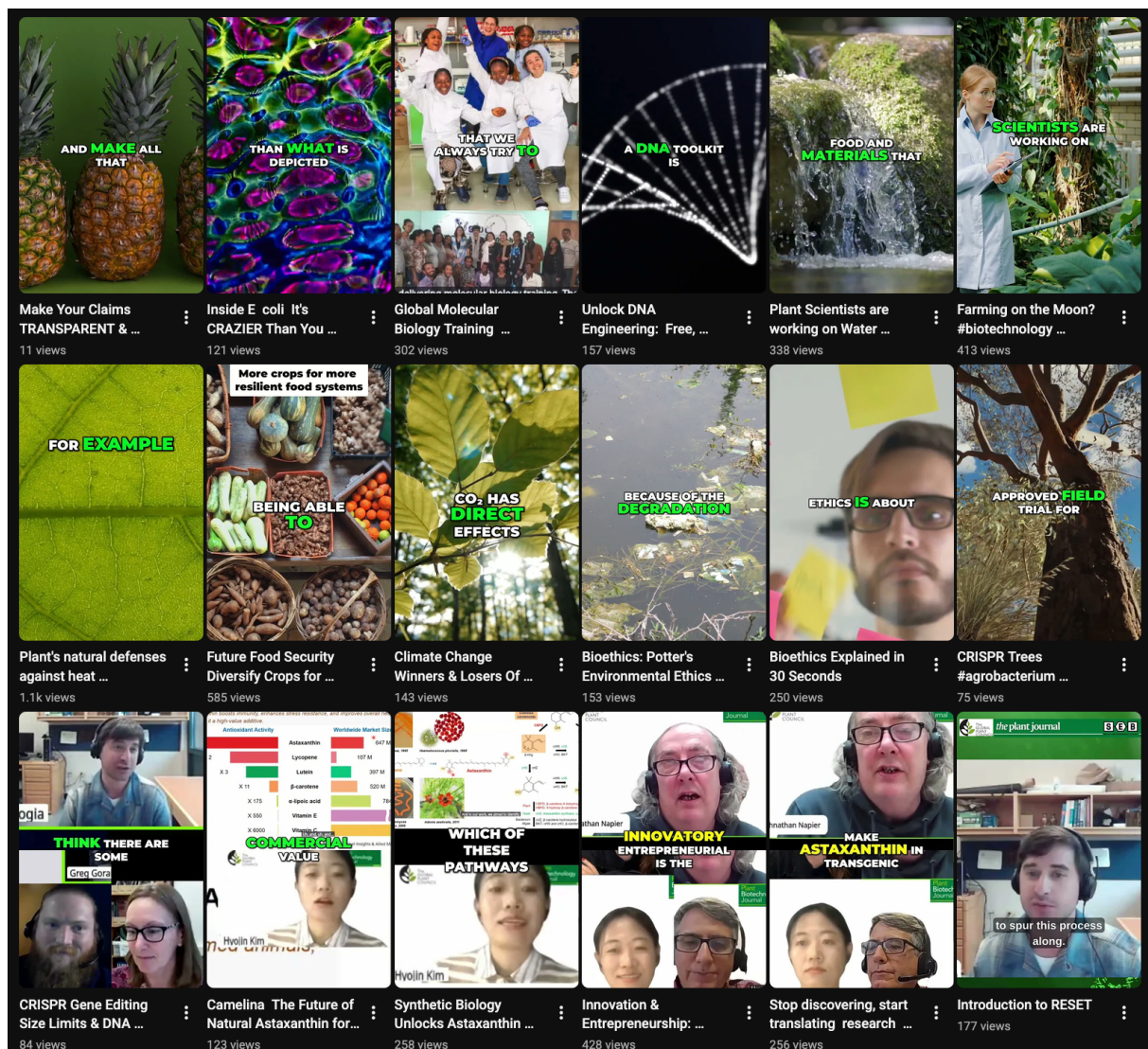
Published	Title	Length	Views
17 Oct 2025	Introduction to RESET	0:48	177
30 Dec 2025	Stop discovering, start translating research	2:04	256
30 Dec 2025	Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Opportunities for Researchers	0:43	428
9 Jan 2026	Synthetic Biology Unlocks Astaxanthin Production: Adonis vs Bacteria	2:18	258
12 Jan 2026	Camelina: The Future of Natural Astaxanthin for Salmon Farming	1:15	123
15 Jan 2026	CRISPR Gene Editing: Size Limits & DNA Repair Secrets	1:53	84
20 Jan 2026	CRISPR Trees	0:31	75
22 Jan 2026	Bioethics Explained in 30 Seconds	0:26	248
28 Jan 2026	Bioethics: Potter's Environmental Ethics Framework Explained	0:23	153
2 Feb 2026	Climate Change: Winners & Losers of CO ₂	1:13	143
4 Feb 2026	Future Food Security: Diversify Crops for Climate Resilience	0:35	585
12 Feb 2026	Plant's natural defenses against heat	0:25	1,176
16 Feb 2026	Farming on the Moon?	0:39	413
23 Feb 2026	Plant Scientists are working on Water Scarcity	0:12	338
4 Mar 2026	Unlock DNA Engineering: Free, Modular Toolkits	0:45	157
6 Mar 2026	Global Molecular Biology Training: Empowering Scientists Worldwide	0:30	302
6 Jun 2026	Inside E. coli: It's CRAZIER Than You Think!	0:28	121
8 Jun 2026	Make Your Claims TRANSPARENT & ROBUST	1:20	11
Total	18 Shorts	—	5,048

To extend the reach of this short-form content beyond YouTube, each Short was also cross-posted as an Instagram Reel and a TikTok video. This multi-platform approach allows the GPC to meet new

audiences, tapping into Instagram and TikTok feeds to viewers who may never visit our YouTube channel directly. Repurposing a single clip across three platforms maximises the value of each piece of content, broadens our demographic reach, particularly among younger researchers and students, and reinforces the GPC's presence across the social media landscape.

Looking ahead

Building on the momentum of this year's programme, the GPC will continue to expand its webinar collaborations with partner journals and organizations, while investing further in short-form video to broaden the reach of plant science content. The combination of live streaming, on-demand recordings and Shorts positions the GPC's channels as an increasingly valuable resource for the global plant science community.



Collaborative Research: the HYDROSENSING Project

The Global Plant Council's collaboration with the **HYDROSENSING** project continued throughout the 2025–2026 period, building on the partnership first established the previous year. HYDROSENSING is an **ERC Synergy Project** investigating how plants sense and respond to water stress. By combining genomics, structural biology, biophysics and advanced imaging, the project aims to improve crop resilience and help pave the way for climate-proof agriculture.

The GPC joined the HYDROSENSING consortium (hydrosensing.eu), taking responsibility for the project's digital communications and branding. This was the GPC's first collaboration of its kind, and it has continued to serve as a successful example of how the Council can support international research consortia through its communications expertise.

The GPC's role this year

Over the past year the GPC has continued to manage and grow the project's digital presence, ensuring that HYDROSENSING's research and milestones reach both the scientific community and wider audiences. Specifically, the GPC has:

- Maintained and regularly updated the project website, publishing news items and a growing library of the consortium's journal articles and preprints;
- Managed and grew the project's social media channels (Bluesky and LinkedIn), sharing research outputs, team news and project milestones;
- Continued to lead branding and visual identity for the project, maintaining a consistent look across all its communications;
- Attended the consortium's online project meetings, coordinating communications activity with the wider research team.

The GPC's contribution is publicly acknowledged on the project website, which notes that the site is maintained *“with the assistance of The Global Plant Council.”*

Project highlights communicated in 2025–2026

Through its communications role, the GPC helped share several notable project developments over the year, including:

- The consortium's second annual meeting, held at the University of Lausanne in May 2026, marking two years of the project;
- An 18-month progress update (December 2025) reflecting on the project's scientific advances and growing impact;
- The election of Principal Investigator Thorsten Hamann to the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters (April 2026);
- The launch of **StrawberryWalls**, a new €2.1 million project led by Professor Thorsten Hamann and funded by the Norwegian Research Council, expanding on the work initiated through HYDROSENSING;
- A steady stream of peer-reviewed publications from consortium members, published in journals including *Science*, *The Plant Journal*, *New Phytologist* and *Trends in Plant Science*.

Looking ahead

The HYDROSENSING collaboration remains a valuable demonstration of the GPC's ability to provide professional communications support to large, multi-partner research consortia. As the five-year project continues, the GPC looks forward to sustaining and expanding this partnership, and to drawing on the experience gained to support similar collaborations in the future.



Global Policy Engagement: International Events and Policy Briefs

Ensuring that plant science is represented in the international decisions is a long-standing priority for The Global Plant Council. Over the past decade the GPC has built a presence across a range of intergovernmental and multilateral bodies, from plant genetic resources and biodiversity to agricultural innovation and climate change. During the 2025–2026 period this engagement continued to grow, with continued participation in the UN climate process and the preparation of a suite of policy briefs to carry plant-science evidence directly into global negotiations.

A decade of engagement with global policy bodies

The GPC has served as a member or observer of numerous international organisations and processes since 2015, contributing plant-science perspectives to discussions on genetic resources, biodiversity, agricultural research and climate. The table below summarises the principal bodies with which the GPC engages and the nature of its involvement.

Body	Name	Since	GPC involvement	Notes
FAO Plant Treaty	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	2015	In-person meetings; online communications	—
DivSeek	DivSeek International Network	2015	In-person and online meetings	<i>Network formally dissolved in June 2024</i>
GFAR	Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation	2018	Presence on the GFAR website; annual report submitted	—
SPG Coalition	Sustainable Productivity Growth Coalition	2021	Online meetings	<i>Continuation uncertain</i>
UN CBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity	2022	Attended the Montreal meeting (Dec 2022); ongoing online communication	—
AIM for Climate	Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate	2023	Online meetings; in-person meeting in Dubai (Dec 2023)	<i>Continuation uncertain</i>
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	2023	COP28 in Dubai in person (Dec 2023); COP30 online (2025); COP31 in Türkiye planned (2026), ongoing online communication	—
UN ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council	2025	Accepted as observers, ongoing online communication	—

The UNFCCC: from Dubai to Türkiye

Climate change is central to the GPC’s policy engagement, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has become a particular focus. The GPC has engaged with the UNFCCC since 2023, when it attended COP28 in Dubai in person in December of that year. Since then, it has maintained its involvement in the climate process and is now working toward a substantially expanded presence.

COP30 — Brazil (2025): virtual participation

In 2025 the GPC participated in COP30, attending online. Following an effort across GPC member organisations, the Council successfully registered and secured approval for ten online delegates ahead of the submission deadline. Participation this year was observer-only and conducted entirely virtually.

While the GPC's role at COP30 was therefore purely observational, and at a distance, it carried real value: it allowed delegates to follow key negotiations and side discussions, deepen their familiarity with UNFCCC processes, and stay connected to the latest developments in global climate policy. Coming after the in-person engagement at COP28, the online presence at COP30 kept the GPC active in the process and helped build toward fuller representation at future meetings. This was made possible by the many GPC members who expressed interest and helped coordinate the delegation.

COP31 — Türkiye (2026): preparing for active engagement

The GPC has confirmed that it will attend COP31, to be held in Türkiye in November/December 2026. This marks a significant step up in ambition: preparations are geared toward active, in-person engagement and a clear policy strategy. The GPC delegation to COP31 will be led by **Geraint Parry**, as Head of Delegation.

Throughout the year the GPC has been coordinating participation and policy positioning with its member organisations, encouraging their policy officers to make contact so that messages, activities and materials can be aligned around the meeting. Further calls for specific contributions will be issued as preparations continue.

Policy briefs for COP31

Central to the GPC's COP31 strategy is a set of 3 policy briefs, each translating plant-science evidence and issues into clear, actionable messages for climate and food-system decision-makers. At the time of writing, all three drafts are close to completion and undergoing final review. Together they make a coherent case: that plant science is essential, underfunded infrastructure for a changing climate, and that the chemistry of our staple crops has direct and urgent consequences for human health.

Policy brief	Focus	Primary audience
Closing the Plant Science Funding Gap	Makes the case that plant science is critical—but persistently underfunded—infrastructure for food systems, climate adaptation and biodiversity, and calls for increased, ring-fenced and better-targeted investment.	Science ministries, multilateral funders, philanthropic foundations, the CGIAR system
One Health: Changing the Chemistry of the Crops	Shows how a warming climate is altering the toxicity and nutritional quality of staple crops and argues that food-system success must be measured by nutritional and toxicological quality, not caloric volume alone.	Climate-adaptation, food-security and public-health policymakers
Konzo: The Sentinel Disease of Climate Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa	Positions konzo—an irreversible paralysis linked to cyanide in climate-stressed cassava—as a sentinel indicator of climate-driven food-system failure, with four policy pillars spanning surveillance, resilient seed systems, toxicity metrics and community outreach.	Climate-health negotiators; links to SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)

These briefs are intended both as standalone advocacy tools and as the backbone of the GPC's engagement at COP31, giving delegates a consistent, evidence-based platform from which to represent the global plant science community.

Looking ahead

From a decade of engagement across global policy bodies to an increasingly ambitious presence in the UN climate process, the GPC continues to work to ensure that plant science has a voice in the international decisions that depend on it. Members interested in contributing to the COP31 effort, whether by attending, aligning messaging, or supplying relevant materials, are warmly encouraged to contact the GPC team.

ADDRESSING THE "SILENT PARALYSIS": CLIMATE-INDUCED CASSAVA TOXICITY AND KONZO IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Konzo is no longer merely a localized medical a food system failure. As global temperatures ris relied upon for survival in sub-Saharan Africa at the strategic crisis where environmental stress

THE GLOBAL PLANT COUNCIL: ONE HEALTH POLICY BRIEF

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Sponsors and Publishing Partnerships

Partnerships with leading scientific publishers are an increasingly important part of The Global Plant Council's work, allowing the Council to deliver tangible benefits to the plant science community: from open-access publishing opportunities for early-career researchers to high-profile webinar series featuring the field's leading journals. During the 2025–2026 period the GPC secured and delivered two significant sets of partnerships: a new collaboration with **Frontiers in Plant Science**, and a set of journal webinar partnerships spanning titles across the plant sciences.

The GPC × Frontiers 2026 Call

In 2026 the GPC launched a new partnership with **Frontiers in Plant Science**, a fully open-access, peer-reviewed journal covering all areas of plant biology, from molecular and cell biology to agronomy, ecology and biotechnology.

Through this collaboration, announced in May 2026, the GPC will award **four full Article Processing Charge (APC) waivers** to plant scientists submitting manuscripts to one of six partner Research Topics. Each waiver covers the full open-access publication fee, a benefit for early-career researchers, for whom publication costs can be a significant barrier. The four selected authors will also be invited to present their work in a webinar co-hosted by the GPC and Frontiers, sharing their findings with a global plant science audience.

How the call works

The call is delivered through the GPC's Early Career Researcher initiative (ECRI) platform. Researchers submit their manuscript to one of the six partner Research Topics via the standard Frontiers submission system and then register their submission with the GPC through a dedicated 2026 Call form: the step that enters a paper into the waiver competition. From all registered submissions, four papers will be selected to receive a full APC waiver, with winners announced in November/December 2026.

The six partner Research Topics

The 2026 call spans six Frontiers Research Topics, with submission deadlines staggered between August and November 2026:

Research Topic (Frontiers in Plant Science)	Submission deadline
Hormone-Induced Plant Stress Adaptation: Brassinosteroids and Beyond	31 August 2026
Plant–Nematode–Microbiome Networks in Sustainable Biological Control	7 September 2026
Enhancing Agricultural Systems with Plant Growth-Promoting Microbes: Innovations in Eco-Friendly Crop Protection	30 September 2026
Legumes for Global Food Security, Volume III	30 September 2026
Molecular Characterization of Humic Substances and Regulatory Processes Activated in Plants, Volume III	10 November 2026
Abiotic Stress and Plant Cytoskeleton Dynamics: Unravelling Structural Pathways for Stress Adaptation	19 November 2026

Together these topics reflect the breadth of contemporary plant science, from hormone signalling and stress adaptation to microbiome networks, legumes, humic substances and cytoskeleton dynamics, and give researchers across many subfields a route to open-access publication supported by the GPC.

Journal webinar partnerships

The GPC continued to build partnerships with leading plant science journals to co-host webinar series and events. These collaborations pair the journals' editorial reach with the GPC's convening power and communications infrastructure, bringing cutting-edge research to a global audience. During 2025–2026 the GPC delivered webinar partnerships with three journals across the plant sciences:

Journal	Publisher	Webinar activity in 2025–2026
The Plant Journal	Wiley	Four-webinar series
Plant Biotechnology Journal	Wiley	Four-webinar series, two remain TBD
Functional Plant Biology	CSIRO Publishing	Single webinar

The partnerships with *The Plant Journal* and *Plant Biotechnology Journal*, both published by **Wiley-Blackwell**, anchored the year's webinar programme, delivering a four-part and an until now two-part series respectively. These were complemented by a single webinar co-hosted with *Functional Plant Biology*. Full details of each session, including registration and attendance figures, are provided in the *Webinars and Videos* section of this report.

Looking ahead

These partnerships demonstrate the growing value that the GPC offers both to the plant science community and to its publishing partners. By combining open-access publishing opportunities with high-quality webinar programming, the GPC is building a sustainable model of collaboration that delivers real benefits to researchers, especially those early in their careers, while raising the profile of plant science worldwide. The Council looks forward to deepening these relationships and forging new ones in the year ahead.

The Global Plant Council Day-by-Day

The GPC has one staff member (Isabel Mendoza, our Chief Communications officer) who is the driving force for the day-to-day operation of the organization. Dr. Mendoza is supported in her duties by the board of directors that provide strategic vision for the organization. The members of board of directors are the following:

- **President:** Geraint Parry, Executive Officer, Association of Applied Biologists
- **Chair:** Elizabeth Jakobsen Neilson, Assistant professor at University of Copenhagen
- **Treasurer:** Deena Errampalli, past president of Plant Canada
- **Board members:**
 - KC Bansal, former Director of the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
 - Ariel Herrera, assistant Professor and researcher at the Plant Biotechnology Center of Universidad Nacional Andrés Bello in Santiago, Chile
 - Carlos García Mata, Co-IP at the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET) within the Institute of Biological Research at the National University of Mar del Plata.
 - Liana Acevedo-Herrera, researcher at Wageningen University
 - Shu-Hsing Wu, researcher at the Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology (IPMB), Academia Sinica
 - Peter Ryan, honorary research fellow with the CSIRO Agriculture and Food
 - Ertao Wang, professor at the CAS Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences

Our communications officer is in frequent communication with the members of the board via email. She holds weekly or bi-weekly online meetings with at least one board member. The board continues to meet online every six weeks to follow up on financial matters and generate policy and priorities that either are being developed or should be.

Daily tasks

- Collection, editing, publication and dissemination of plant science-related news and events. At least one press release (News Tab) or post (Blog Tab) is published every week. These stories are shared on all GPC social media channels.
- Curation of social media posts, including shares and retweets from fellow members, sponsors, and other plant science-relevant actors.
- Collection of #plantscijobs opportunities and post on the appropriate channels (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter).
- Checks on updates of website and tools from the technical point of view (Plugins, Themes, WordPress updates, Server...).
- Check on analytics for suspicious or unusual activity.
- Communication with members regarding preparation and collections of fees, reports, and dissemination of news, webinars, and other issues.

Monthly and Bi-monthly tasks

- Monthly general newsletter to subscribers.
- Bi-monthly newsletter to ECRs.
- Meeting with members of the board (every six weeks) to discuss course of action and activities.
- Organization of working group meetings (doodle, calendar invites, join files and folders...).
- Organization of webinars (speakers, topics, technical management behind the scenes...).
- Small council meetings between Isabel Mendoza, Geraint Parry, Deena Errampalli, and Elizabeth Jakobsen Neilson to discuss course of action and activities.

Non-periodic tasks

- Design of banners, images and videos for social media, webpage, and other marketing tools.
- Attendance at webinars and events.
- Organizing the annual meeting of members and workshops.
- Curation of website sections when appropriate.
- Curation of reports and applications when appropriate.
- Identify and contact potential sponsors and members.
- Isabel Mendoza does training on web management, social media management, use of AIs, banner and image design, e-marketing, and science communication whenever the opportunity arises.

GPC Social Media Accounts

List of GPC social media accounts

1. Twitter (English): <https://twitter.com/GlobalPlantGPC>
2. Twitter (Español): https://twitter.com/GPC_EnEspañol
3. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalPlantGPC>
4. Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/plantscijobs>
5. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/globalplantgpc/>
6. LinkedIn account: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/globalplantcouncil/>
7. LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/globalplantcouncil/>
8. LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12274424/>
9. Slideshare: <https://www.slideshare.net/GlobalPlantCouncil>
10. Weibo: <https://www.weibo.com/GlobalPlantGPC/>
11. Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheGlobalPlantCouncil/>
12. Newsletter general: <https://0q5po.mjt.lu/wgt/0q5po/5n6/form?c=b2f1f228>
13. Newsletter ECRi: <https://0q5po.mjt.lu/wgt/0q5po/5nr/form?c=5c724041>
14. Newsletter events: <https://0q5po.mjt.lu/wgt/0q5po/5o9/form?c=ec64169d>
15. Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@globalplantGPC>
16. BlueSky: <https://bsky.app/profile/globalplantgpc.bsky.social>
17. Threads: <https://www.threads.com/@globalplantgpc>
18. Tiktok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@globalplantgpc>

Annex 1. GPC Individual Organizations Reports

Saclay Plant Sciences (SPS) network

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Member Report July 2025–July 2026

The SPS network promotes teaching and training, research and innovation in plant sciences in the Paris-Saclay area, through the funding of numerous projects and actions.

Beginning in 2026, our Plant Sciences master program (<https://www.master-sciences-du-vegetal.fr/eng>) will have a track fully taught in English for both years (it was already the case for the second year). Moreover, SPS actively works on strengthening the Research-Learning interface at the master level by supporting research-based courses and the involvement of researchers in teaching, tutorship, mentoring projects and lab rotations. SPS works towards providing all students with a strong practical training through internships in laboratories and hands-on programs with cutting-edge equipment. SPS also contributes to opening new formats of teaching and training for master students by funding students' mobility and pedagogical events, especially international events or events which increase interactions between students and the socio-economic world.

Every year, SPS organizes a summer school on a different topic, for about 20 outstanding and enthusiastic international PhD students and post-docs. In 2025, the Summer School “Advanced Plant Imaging – API: From super-resolution to fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy” provided theoretical and practical insights into recent technological advances (super-resolution, fluorescence lifetime imaging, biosensors...), which now make it possible to address new scientific questions. In 2026, the Summer School “Plant single cell RNAseq workshop: From current technologies to data analyses” covered all the stages of a scRNAseq project in plants and highlighted the many specific features of plant models through a combination of lectures and practical work.

SPS is committed to fostering innovation in plant research and strengthening partnerships with other scientific communities and the socio-economic sector. The 2026 Saclay Plant' Innov' event was focusing on the theme “Diversification of plant production and new challenges for nutrition”. It brought together around 65 researchers (including some doctoral students) and representatives from private companies. Its goal was to foster interactions and new collaborations through presentations, two thematic round-tables, and moments for informal discussion that provided opportunities for networking. The participants highlighted the diversity of the projects presented, the quality of the discussions, and the richness of the perspectives shared during the round-tables.

SPS places a priority on disseminating knowledge through outreach activities. Our main program, "Plants and Humans", with a workshop on domestication and selection of plants in the context of evolving agricultural practices coupled with laboratory visits, welcomes about 1000 pupils each year. Two other workshops are currently being rolled out: "Change your plate for the climate", about the impact of agriculture and our lifestyles, particularly our diet, on CO₂ emissions and global warming, as well as "Plant Awareness Disparity", about this phenomenon which renders plants and their essential role in our daily lives and in the ecological transition invisible. SPS also organizes courses for high-school biology teachers, and participates in the French National Science Fair and the Fascination of Plants Day.

The Australian Society of Plant Scientists (ASPS)
<https://www.asps.org.au/>

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Member Report June 2025– June 2026

ASPS has had a productive year and continues to be supported in its activities by the discipline and student representatives, the executive, and member base. Engagement with the Plant Science community is supported through an active Communications Committee, who organise social media outreach and monthly issues of the newsletter Phytogen.

The ASPS Annual meeting was held in Adelaide 24th-27th November 2025 and was a tremendous success. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Crystal Sweetman and was hosted at Flinders University, a venue that provided a relaxed environment for talks, and lively poster sessions and social events. It was a well-attended meeting with 280 registrants including 187 students and ECRs. The programme incorporated 8 invited speakers, 41 full talks, 29 poster teaser talks and 130 posters.

Among the themes there was a student led session on The Future of Plant Science, sessions on Education and Outreach, and a session on looking towards New Technologies and use of AI in Plant Science. There was an Industry-led Session, which provided insight into fundamental issues faced by agriculture, highlighting the need for close integration between industry and science.

The R.N. Robertson Lecture plenary talk was presented by Professor Michelle Watt, who is the Adrienne Clarke Professorial Chair of Botany at The University of Melbourne. Michelle's research investigates the biochemistry and physiology of root function. Her talk provided an interesting and delightful insight into her scientific career.

ASPS continues to support Australian plant scientists through awards that recognise members for their excellence in research and teaching. The 2025 Peter Goldacre award winner was Dr. Stephanie Watts-Fawkes who carries out research on how mycorrhizal fungi contribute to healthy plants and human nutrition. The Annals of Botany Travelling Speaker Award was presented to Assistant Professor Lena Müller who gave a talk on her research on signalling pathways between plants and beneficial soil fungi communicate. The ASPS-Functional Plant Biology Best paper award was presented to Dr. Yin Liu, for her FPB paper on the effects of nutrient supply and rootstocks on grapevine berries. The ASPS 2025 R.N. Robertson Travelling Fellowship was awarded to Callum Hayes from The University of Melbourne who was gaining overseas experiments in methods to study the relationship between metabolism and the daily cycle of the plant circadian clock.

The conference included a Women in Plant Science Breakfast. This one-hour session included comments from a panel of members followed by an active Q&A session. The session was standing room only, indicating continued enthusiasm to support women and under-represented groups in Plant Science.

Preparations are well underway for ASPS at the 2026 ComBio conference in Sydney.

Slovenian Society of Plant Biology
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Member Report July 2025–July 2026

The Society is the core organiser of **Fascination of Plants Day** events in Slovenia. This year's main event took place on May 27th in Ljubljana. It attracted over 1400 schoolchildren, their teachers, and families who attended 34 interactive workshops, where they learned about various aspects of the importance of plants and plant science through active participation (microscopy, pipetting, product creation, drawing, painting, printing, identification key, sensory perceptions, quiz, game, etc.), and watched an award-winning film about Costa Rica. Participating institutions, photo gallery, media reports: <https://www.plantslo.org/wp/dan-ocarljivih-rastlin-2026/>;

In April 2026, we held a **general assembly**, where a substantive and financial report for 2025, as well as a plan for 2026, were adopted. The main focus was the organisation of this year's international conference (<https://www.plantslo.org/wp/conference2026/>).

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Portuguese Society of Plant Biology

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Member Report July 2025–July 2026

From July 2025 to July 2026, the Portuguese Society of Plant Biology (SPBP) actively promoted numerous scientific, institutional, and outreach initiatives, reinforcing its mission to promote plant science at national and international levels.

1 - Organization of Scientific Meetings

- XIX Spanish-Portuguese Congress on Plant Biology – Iberian Plant Biology 2025

The XIX Spanish-Portuguese Congress on Plant Biology – Iberian Plant Biology 2025 was held in Murcia, Spain, from 1 to 4 July 2025. The meeting was organized by the Spanish Society of Plant Biology in collaboration with the Portuguese Society of Plant Biology (SPBP). The Organizing Committee included the Portuguese representatives Teresa Lino-Neto and Jorge Marques da Silva, who contributed to the scientific coordination of the congress.

- XIII Iberian Symposium on Ripening and Postharvest – POST26

In collaboration with the Spanish Society of Plant Biology, the SPBP organized the XIII Iberian Symposium on Ripening and Postharvest – POST26, which was held in Faro, Portugal, from 1 to 3 June 2026. The Organizing Committee included Ana Cavaco, Coordinator of the SPBP Postharvest Group.

The SPBP is also co-organizing the following forthcoming scientific meetings:

- XXIII National Congress of Biochemistry

The XXIII National Congress of Biochemistry, organized by the Portuguese Society of Biochemistry, will be held at the University of Beira Interior (UBI), in Covilhã, Portugal, on 22–23 October 2026. The SPBP is responsible for coordinating a plant science panel, and Teresa Lino-Neto represents the Society on the Organizing Committee.

- XX Spanish-Portuguese Congress on Plant Biology – Iberian Plant Biology 2027

The XX Spanish-Portuguese Congress on Plant Biology – Iberian Plant Biology 2027 will be held in Granada, Spain, from 1 to 4 June 2027. Organized in collaboration with the Spanish Society of Plant Biology, the meeting will include Manuela Costa and Nacho Vélchez as SPBP representatives on the Organizing Committee.

2 - Sponsorship of Early-Career Researchers

The SPBP sponsored the participation of nine early-career researchers (PhD students) in international scientific meetings, supporting advanced training and the oral presentation and dissemination of research conducted by scientists at the beginning of their careers:

- six early-career researchers (PhD students) at the XVIII Spanish-Portuguese Congress on Plant Biology – Iberian Plant Biology 2023, held at the University of Minho, Portugal; and
- three PhD students at the XIII Iberian Symposium on Ripening and Postharvest – POST26, held in Faro, Portugal.

3 - Other activities

- As part of its outreach activities, the SPBP once again participated in Fascination of Plants Day 2026 (<https://plantday18may.org/>). SPBP coordinated an online initiative entitled “The Plant in Me”, inviting members of the public to vote for their favourite plant and explain the reasons for their choice. The results were shared online and presented through several activities promoted by SPBP members’ institutions.
- The SPBP prepared and submitted a position paper as part of the revision of the Portuguese National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (ENAAC 2030), highlighting the strategic importance of plant science research for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Sociedad Argentina de Fisiología Vegetal (SAFV)
<https://www.fisiologiavegetal.org>

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Member Report July 2025–July 2026

During the 2025-2026 Períod, The SAFV organized it Bienial Meeting. The XXXV Reunión Argentina de Fisiología Vegetal (XXXV RAFV) held from 5 to 8 august in mar del Plata, with 350 attendees from Argentina and neighboring countries. In the context of the Argentinian Scientific system crisis, we manage to charge no fees to PhD students, and to associate postdocs. We also organized 4 webinars, on different topics, fostering the participation, as speakers, of young scientists, and one of the webinars in collaboration with GPC

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The RSB has continued running its [Plant Health Undergraduate Studentship Scheme](#) this year, in partnership with Defra, which gives students studying in the UK the opportunity to undertake 8-10 week funded summer placements in plant health research, relevant to current priorities in this area. 16 studentships are taking place this year across various UK institutions. In addition, the RSB maintains the [Plant Health Professional Register](#), which was created in partnership with Defra to recognise individuals with skills and experience that align with the current Plant Biosecurity Strategy for Great Britain.

Through its network of Member Organisations, the RSB brings together experts from across the plant science community to develop a coordinated approach to policy and practice in research, industry, funding, education and outreach, wherever possible.

The RSB has produced a number of policy outputs this year on issues related to the plant sciences. These include responses to the [Energy Security and Net Zero Committee inquiry on International climate policy](#), the [EFRA call for evidence regarding Priorities for a UK-EU SPS agreement](#), and the [Science, Innovation and Technology Committee inquiry into Innovation and global food security](#).

The RSB has launched its [Biologist of Tomorrow](#) project, which aims to establish an evidence based, interdisciplinary breakdown of the skills needed by the bioscience workforce. It is also launching a new series of calls for evidence to hear directly from the bioscience community on key policy issues. We want to ‘take the pulse’ of the sector and ensure our recommendations to policymakers are informed by diverse experiences and expertise. Our first call focuses on [research funding in UK research organisations](#).

The RSB has hosted webinars this year on [Cross-sector innovation in microbiome-based protection](#), and [Digital viticulture](#), discussing the future of vine health and disease control. In June, Dr Andrea Paterlini gave a lecture for RSB members on a Manifesto for Plant Science Education. Later that month, the RSB hosted its annual [Plant Health Summer Conference](#). This involved lectures and short flash talks from a range of professionals within the industry.

Our Plant Science Newsletter is a monthly round-up of science and policy news about plant science. To stay up to date with RSB activities and UK and international news in plant science, sign into [mySociety](#), choose ‘Subscribe to our publications’ and select the Plant Science Newsletter to subscribe.

Annex 2. GPC Member Organizations Websites

1. **African Crop Science Society (ACSS)**
2. **Association of Applied Biologists**
<https://www.aab.org.uk/>
3. **Australian National University (ANU)**
<http://www.anu.edu.au/>
4. **Australian Society of Plant Scientists (ASPS)**
<http://www.asps.org.au>
5. **Argentine Society of Plant Physiology (SAFV)**
<http://www.fisiologiavegetal.org>
6. **Chilean Society of Plant Biologists (ChlSPB)**
<http://www.biologiavegetal.cl>
7. **Chinese Society of Plant Biology (ChSPB)**
<http://www.cspb.org.cn>
8. **Cluster of Excellence on Plant Science (CEPLAS)**
<https://www.ceplas.eu/en/home/>
9. **European Plant Science Organisation (EPSO)**
<http://www.epsoweb.org>
10. **The Heat and Drought Wheat Improvement Consortium (HeDWIC)**
<https://www.hedwic.org>
11. **International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)**
<http://irri.org/>
12. **Indian Society for Plant Physiology (ISPP)**
<http://www.ispponline.org>
13. **King Abdullah University of Science and Technology**
<https://kaust.edu.sa/>
14. **Multinational Arabidopsis Steering Committee**
<http://arabidopsisresearch.org/index.php/en/>
15. **MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory**
<https://prl.natsci.msu.edu>
16. **New Zealand Society of Plant Biologists (NZSPB)**
<http://plantbiology.science.org.nz>
17. **Plant Canada (PC)**
<http://www.plantcanada.ca>

- 18. Portuguese Society of Plant Physiology (SPFV)**
<http://www.spfv.pt>
- 19. Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society (SPPS)**
<http://www.spps.fi>
- 20. Slovenian Society of Plant Biology (SSPB)**
<https://www.plantslo.org/home.php>
- 21. Society for Experimental Biology (SEB)**
<http://www.sebiology.org/>
- 22. Taiwan Society of Plant Biologists (TSPB)**
http://tspb.org.tw/TSPB_en/
- 23. Royal Society of Biology**
<https://www.rsb.org.uk/policy/groups-and-committees/ukpsf>